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HITLER APPOINTS GOVERNOR FOR BRITAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Hitler has already appointed a "Nazi Governor for Britain."

This highly interesting announcement is contained in the "Sunday Chronicle."

The report which is somewhat sensational, says that the German Governor of the British Isles is expected "after the occupation" to take up duties very similar to those of Dr. Frank in Poland.

The Hitler nominee, the report says, is Dr. Bohle, who was born in Bradford, Yorkshire, of former German parents and still possesses a British passport.

The "Sunday Chronicle" further declares that Gauleiters for Britain are being trained and are being grouped in special schools at Berlin and Marburg, where they are taught the intricacies of the English language and English customs.—Havas.

FINLAND CALLS MEN OF 42 TO COLOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

Men who were born in 1898 were called to the Colours in Finland yesterday, thus extending the scope of mobilisation to 21 ages.

The soldiers are invited to bring, if possible, their own weapons and equipment, and skis.—Havas.

EIGHTY INJURED

Rangoon, To-day.

Four were killed and eighty injured in Saturday's riots, caused when a religious procession was attacked by Moslem hoodlums.—Havas.

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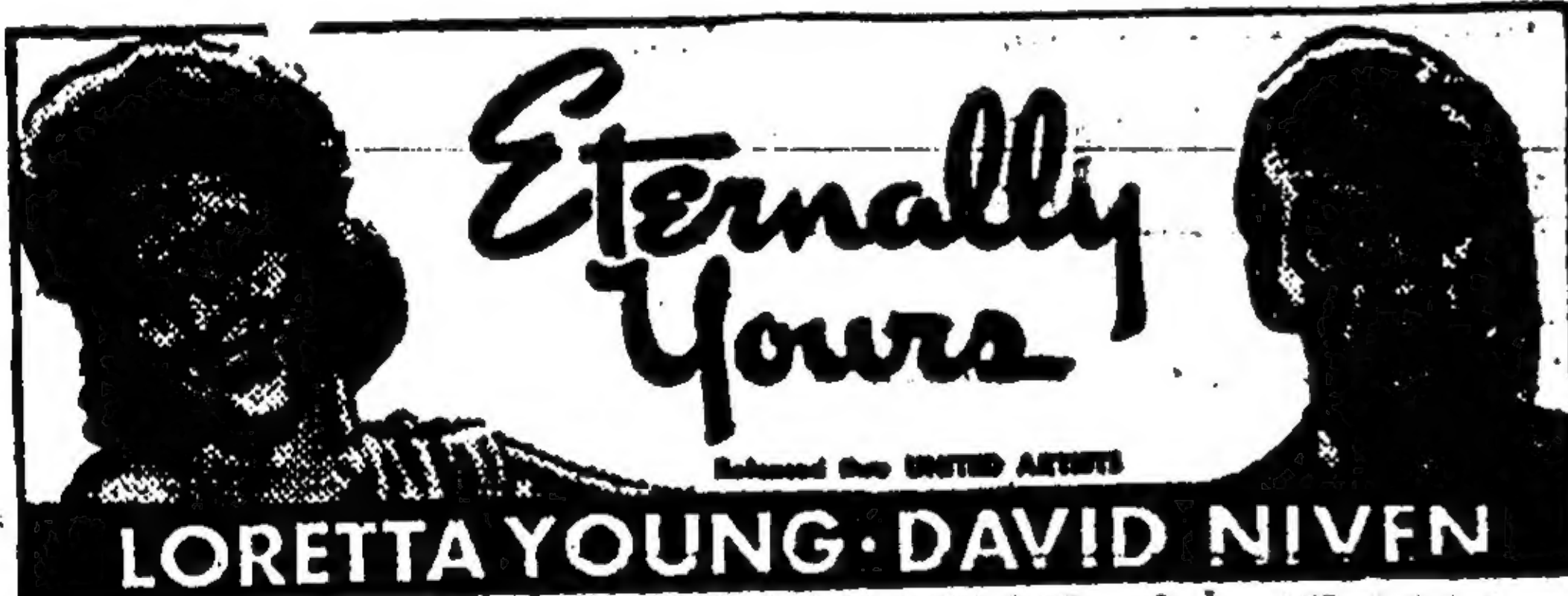
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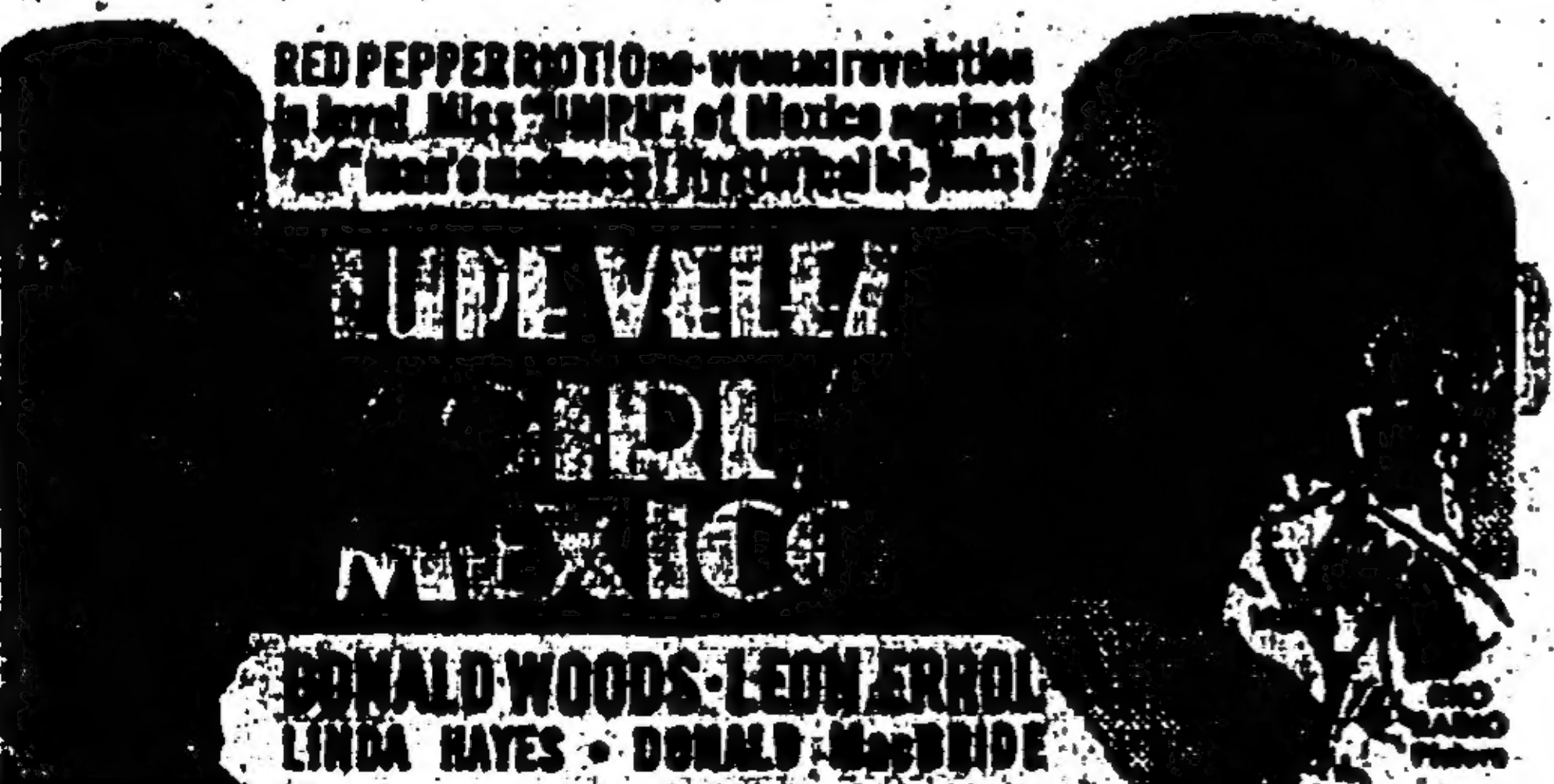
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LONDON, TO-DAY.

"SOLDIERS, WITH MY FORE-
HEAD I GREET YOU," SAID SIR
KINGSLEY WOOD, BRITAIN'S AIR
MINISTER, IN POLISH WHEN HE
VISITED ON SATURDAY THE
SEVERAL HUNDRED POLISH AIR-
MEN WHO ARE NOW CONNECTED
WITH THE ROYAL AIR FORCE
"SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND."

"With our foreheads, Mr. Minister,
we greet you," replied the Poles, in
their own language.

The Poles wear R.A.F. uniform,
with the addition of the Polish eagle
on their caps and the word "Poland"
on their sleeves. The Polish na-
tional flag flies from the same mast
as the R.A.F. flag over their aero-
drome. — Reuter.

NOTED PILOTS

Some hundreds of the Poles have
had actual flying experience against
Germany and many are noted pilots.
These men form a valuable addition
to the R.A.F., of which they are now
part, having been attested into the
Service first by taking an Oath of
Allegiance to the King in English
and later in Polish before a priest
and their Colonel.

The Polish personnel will form self-
contained units controlled wholly by
the British High Command.—British
Wireless.

LITHUANIA WORRIED BY REFUGEES

Kaunas, To-day.

Lithuania is trying to per-
suade a number of countries
to receive some of the Polish
refugees she is harbouring.

Negotiations are in progress with
Germany for their voluntary return,
or of some of them, to their homes.

Russia has agreed to take a thou-
sand, and 700 have already left
Lithuania.

The United States has been asked
to take 10,000 and the Scandinavian
countries 1,000 each, but hitherto no
agreement has been reached.

The refugees are constituting a
serious financial problem for Lithu-
ania; hence, every effort is being made
to open the way for their voluntary
departure.

In addition to thousands of civilian
refugees, it is stated that Lithuania
has 12,000 interned Polish soldiers. —
Reuter.

"HEIL HITLER -LOOK OUT!"

Leading a corps of "Blue De-
vils," French shock troops, a
burly captain strode out in front
of the French lines and shouted
at a German advance post:
"Heil Hitler. We're coming
after you!"

After the captain's warning the
corps charged, took the position
—and found the Germans still
puzzling over the greeting.—As-
sociated Press.

NAZI FEAR OF LOSING IRON SUPPLY

Hitler's military experts, it
was stated recently, are
working on plans to save the
iron mines in the extreme
north of Sweden should the
Red Army cross the Swedish
frontier.

The Eskilstuna District, chief seat
of the Swedish iron and steel indus-
try, is one of Germany's chief
sources of iron, and Hitler is said to
have been considering the possibility
of an expedition to seize it if need be.

RACE FOR MINES?

Such an action, according to a re-
port from neutral sources, says Reuter,
would ostensibly be taken in full co-
operation with the Russians, but
would actually be designed to prevent
them from occupying the district.

In the race for the mines, the Ger-
mans would have much further to go
than the Russians, and the expedi-
tionary force would probably have to
be dispatched by aeroplane.

Troops going by sea, even if they
could get past the Aaland Islands
mine fields, would run the risk of
arriving too late.

So far, there is no information
available to suggest that any actual
preparations have been made by Ger-
many for a northern expedition, but
the possibility is being discussed in
high quarters in Berlin.

INDIA E.P.D.

New Delhi, Yesterday.

A 50 per cent. excess profits tax is
provided for in a Government Bill,
details of which are published in
to-day's "Gazette of India."

The tax will be on profits above
what are termed "standard profits"
made in any accounting period on
April 1, 1939. — Reuter.

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H.K. DAIRY SUPPLY COMPANY SUED BY G. E. AHWEE

"THE HONG KONG DAIRY SUPPLY Co., Ltd., is utterly insolvent and has held on to the property in a desperate attempt to keep itself alive," declared Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., at the Supreme Court this morning, before Sir Atholl MacGregor, when he appeared for Mr. G. E. Ahwee, of the Kowloon Dairy, against the Hong Kong Dairy Supply Company, Ltd.

Mr. Potter and Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. C. C. Blake, of Wilkinson and Grist, are for the plaintiffs and defendants are represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada Jr.

The plaintiff claims damages for breach of contract, possession of the Kowloon Dairy Farm, mesne profits from May 31, and an injunction to restrain defendants from using the trade name and mark of the Kowloon Dairy.

Defendants counterclaim for damages for misconduct by the plaintiff during the service agreement.

Mr. Potter said that plaintiff was the proprietor of the Kowloon Dairy, an old and well-established concern since 1902. He had taken over from his father in 1921.

"CONFLICTING EVIDENCE"

When parties are at loggerheads and can come to no possible agreement, serious conflicting evidence may be expected, but Mr. Potter said he was certain he could prove his case up to the hilt, and establish that at all material times, defendant company was insolvent.

In November, 1938, defendants agreed to purchase the Kowloon Dairy as a going concern for \$20,000 to be paid in debentures, to purchase all cattle at \$450 a head, to pay for the lease and rent of the land at \$800 per month, and later at \$1,000, and to enter into a service agreement with plaintiff, as manager of the farm at \$500 a month, plus commission on sale of cattle and produce and providing for an increase of 50 per cent. on salary if the herd amounted to over 500 head.

An agreement was drawn up and signed and was to come into force on November 1, 1938.

That is, said Mr. Potter, defendant company entered into possession of the farm before the plaintiff got a farthing!

DEBENTURES NOT ISSUED

The debentures were not issued, and all plaintiff had received to date was \$500 as salary and rents to February this year. The rent for March, April and May was paid on June 21. Nothing else had been received. Defendants had occupation of the farm and put into their own coffers everything it produced.

This case marked a chapter in the history of broken promises, and it was necessary to go over the events leading to the action.

Plaintiff had a mortgage with the Chase Bank for \$30,000. The bank desired it to be paid off. The Hong Kong Bank agreed to issue a new mortgage for \$36,000 and the interest due was to be paid by defendant company to the Chase Bank.

The interest due was only \$1,500, which defendant had promised to pay, but failed to do. Either they deliberately failed to do so, or they were not financially able.

Defendant was called upon by the Bank in April and was unable to meet the debt.

On April 13, Mr. Dalziel and Mr. Ahwee had a meeting at which Mr. Dalziel informed plaintiff that defendant firm could not issue any debentures as the Hong Kong Bank would not permit as they had an overdraft.

The defence pleaded that they were willing and able to carry out their contract but here, said Mr. Potter, Mr. Dalziel, secretary of the Company, told of the inability of the company to issue the debentures.

BANK MEETING

Next day, in the offices of Wilkinson and Grist, Mr. Dalziel and Mr. R. H. Wadson, of Deacons, saw Mr. Hugh-Jones and informed him that no debentures could be issued, and that if any were issued, the Hong Kong Bank would put the Company into liquidation. The Bank wanted the Company to raise another \$70,000

cash capital.

Next day, a meeting was held at the Bank, those present including Mr. Ahwee, his brother, and Mr. Hugh-Jones, Mr. Edmondston, manager of the Bank, and the accountant, and Mr. M. M. Watson, of Johnson, Stokes and Master, Mr. Fredericks and Mr. Dalziel, director and secretary of defendant company, and Mr. R. A. Wadson.

Here the Bank confirmed that they would not allow debentures to be issued to Mr. Ahwee. The Bank wanted any debentures first; Mr. Ahwee could come next. Mr. Hugh Jones explained that in such an arrangement, Mr. Ahwee would be handing over property as security for a third party's indebtedness.

Mr. Edmondston then suggested that first debentures be given to Mr. Ahwee and second debentures to the Bank, dependant on defendants raising \$50,000 new cash capital.

Mr. Fredericks undertook to call a meeting of the shareholders to decide whether they could raise the capital and to notify the Bank of the result.

SEVERAL MEETINGS

Mr. Potter repeated that in the midst of such financial difficulties, defendants pleaded they were at all times willing and able to fulfil their obligations.

Continuing, Mr. Potter said that several meetings between Mr. Dalziel and plaintiff were held, showing the difficulties of the company and seeking a way out.

In order to facilitate things, plaintiff initialled a letter in which he agreed to resign from the company, reduce the rent of the farm to \$500 a month, to leave the Colony, not to associate in a similar business, and to receive a cash payment of \$31,500.

Plaintiff was contemplating leaving the Colony if he could obtain cash, and start elsewhere in Singapore.

On May 11, Mr. Dalziel wrote to plaintiff making a fresh offer. In place of debentures, he offered 4,000 shares in the company and \$10,000 cash, and he was not to associate himself with a similar business.

BANK'S DISCLOSURE

Plaintiff took the letter to his solicitors who, in turn, wrote to the Bank asking them if they were aware of the new offer.

The Bank's solicitors replied that the Bank were not willing to grant further facilities and steps were being taken for the company to go into liquidation.

This was the position the company was in. And they were offering \$4,000 shares at \$5 per share to plaintiff and a lease for 25 years! Was that honest and fair dealing? asked Mr. Potter.

On May 19, the company, for the purpose of keeping alive, offered for sale every head of cattle.

On May 18, Mr. Blake, on instructions, wrote to defendants pointing out that the agreement was signed seven months earlier and that still no debentures had been issued.

Plaintiff claimed \$5,000 for goods sold and breach of contract, and gave defendant four days for settlement and for the issue of debentures. They were unable to comply.

In reply to a letter, Messrs. Deacons stated that instructions had been given to place the company in voluntary liquidation.

23 COWS AND A BULL

Mr. Potter said defendant had been in possession since November and had made what they could, except to pay salary and rent. They had sold 23 cows and a bull but his client had not received anything.

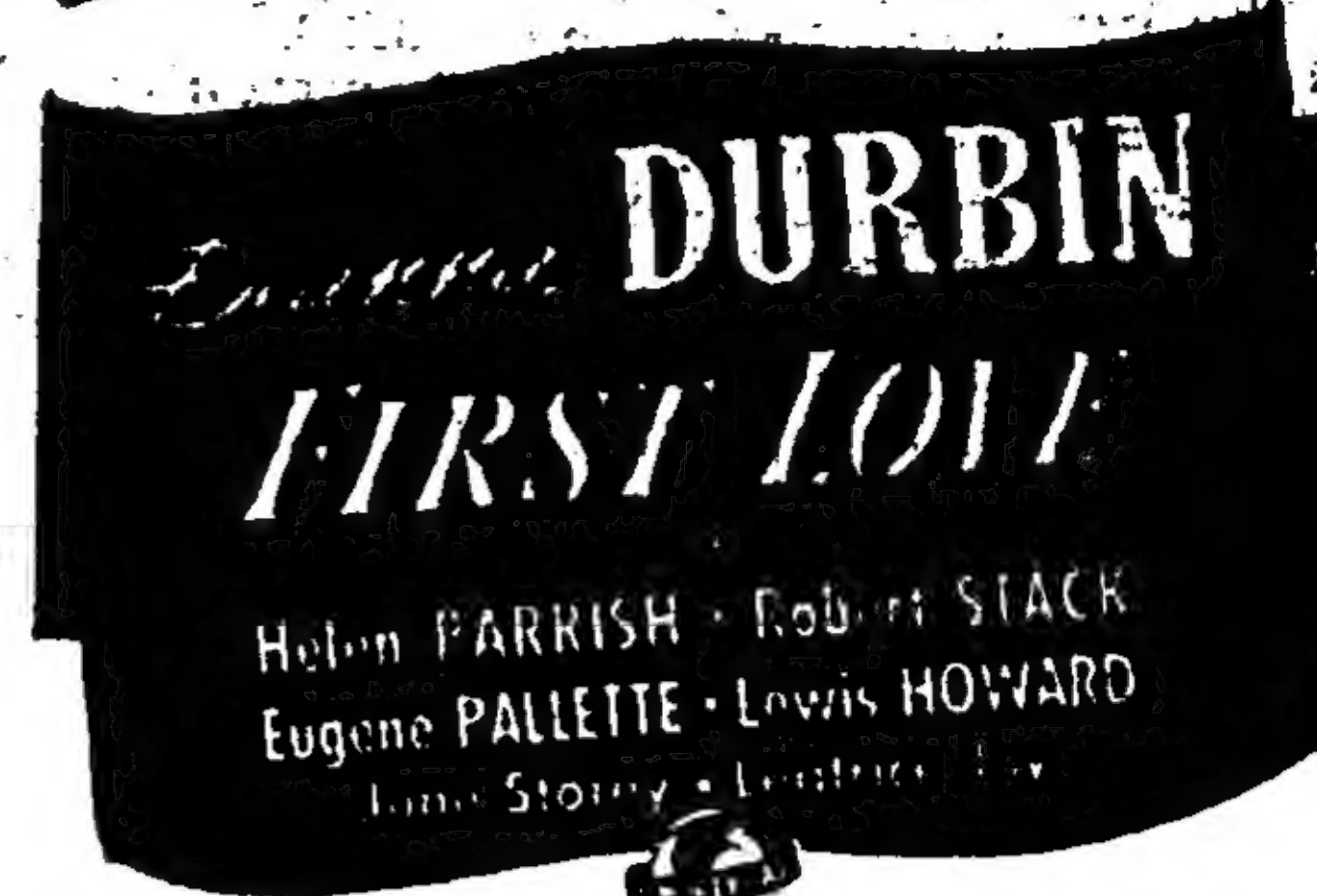
In May 21, they had an overdraft of \$61,175.45 and had written to the

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bank giving ten points on why they should not be forced into liquidation. Among the points were that they had a large turnover, were arranging to raise additional capital, and were gaining the confidence of the public. The bank also pointed out that the company had a large number of shareholders and employees. The case continued.

Balkan Safety Measure Not Practical Politics

LEAVE FOR COUPLES IN KHAKI

Because, in the words of a Ministry official, it is a "very human army," husbands serving in the forces will not come to an empty fireside and a lonely leave, even if their wives are also with services attached to the forces.

There is no general rule for W.A.T.S., W.R.N.S. and others releasing them from their duties when their husbands come home from service with the armed forces. They are entitled, however, to approach their Commanding Officer, and it is recommended that leave should be given where possible on "compassionate grounds."

"There can be no general rule, for obviously it would be impossible to release practically a whole unit, whose members might have their respective husbands at home at the same time," said an official.

BRITAIN RECRUITING IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.
A British Embassy communique has announced the establishment of a British recruiting office in Paris for British subjects resident in France between the ages of 20 and 50, who desire to volunteer for service with the British Army, who are asked to communicate with the recruiting office.

The announcement adds that recruiting centres will be established throughout France.—
Reuter.

GODOWN MISHAP

A godown coolie was taken to Kowloon Hospital with injuries to his ribs after cargo had fallen on him while he was at work on board a President liner at Kowloon Wharf.

YUGOSLAVIA SEEKING MODUS VIVENDI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day.

BALKAN STATES ARE trading warily in the delicate situation arising from the intense rivalry diplomatically between Germany and the Allies.
The policy of Yugo-slavia, however, is expected to play an important part in the forthcoming conference of the Balkan Entente—Rumania, Greece, Yugoslavia and Turkey—and the general aim is likely to be to discover a satisfactory modus vivendi.

Yugoslavia's attitude is summarised by political observers in Belgrade as follows:

Belgrade strongly desire the formation of a neutral block in the Balkans, but realises that such a solid grouping is impossible at present. Yugoslavia, therefore, will lay stress on the desirability of measures to eliminate the obstacles to closer Balkanic cooperation.

Political quarters in Belgrade consider that the only effective means to prevent one or the other of the aggressive neighbours of the Balkans from attacking the Balkan countries is by the formation of a strong South-Eastern Europe Confederation bound by a Pact of Military Assistance.

NOT PRACTICAL

However, such a scheme is outside the bounds of practical politics at present, firstly because of the revisionist claims against Rumania and Yugoslavia of Hungary and Bulgaria, and secondly because Turkey, the most important member of the Balkan Entente, is more or less bound to the Allies, and Germany and Russia, for this reason, consider that a Balkan bloc would be directed against them.

Consequently, Yugoslavia will concentrate during the conference on an attempt to remove the obstacles to Balkan co-operation by finding a modus vivendi with Hungary, at the same time defining Yugoslavia's position as one of co-operation with Turkey, together with the strictest neutrality in the European conflict.—
Havas.

"Outsiders" Interested

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day.

There are hints that Hungary and Bulgaria, neither of which are members of the Balkan Entente, may co-operate to a certain extent in the Belgrade conference.

Budapest and Sofia are not sending special representatives, but it is very probable that they will instruct their Ministers to Belgrade to keep in the closest touch with the conferees.—
Havas.

\$5,000 BAIL

BEFORE MR. T. J. HOUSTON AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY ON SATURDAY, HO YAM-CHIU, 31, ACCOUNTANT, WAS CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT OF \$4,500 AND THEFT OF \$166 FROM THE CHEUNG KWONG YUEN FIRM.

Mr. W. M. Brown pleaded not guilty on behalf of the defendant, who was remanded for one week and allowed bail of \$5,000.

ARMED ROBBERY

Ten men, armed with six revolvers, raided the Yui Wo Grocery Shop in Ngau Tau Kok Village, New Territories, at eight o'clock on Saturday night.

They escaped with \$32 in local currency, 12 packets of "Three Gales" brand cigarettes, and other goods.

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DEATH PENALTY FOR "HIGH TREASON"

London, To-day.

WHILE BRITISH LISTENERS continue to find a measure of entertainment in news bulletins and talks broadcast from Germany, the Nazi authorities have drastically taken a ban forbidding Germans to listen to foreign broadcasts.

Preceded by a series of notices promising "very interesting broadcasts," a special decree was announced last night giving a warning against listening not only to enemy but to neutral stations.

The ban applies alike to the general public, to members of Germany's armed forces, to members and officials of the Nazi party and to neutrals living in the Reich, who may not listen to broadcasts from their own country.

Last night's warning, delivered by Doctor Schirner, included the following passage: "It has been found that enemies of the state have actually clubbed together for listening.

HIGH TREASON

"This crime cannot be treated as otherwise than high treason. The penalty is death.

"No excuse of any sort will be accepted. Enemies of the people must be isolated and liquidated as quickly and as firmly as possible.

"The danger to the people resulting from such crimes is so grave that no penalty would appear too severe.

"Sentence of death will be passed in cases where a person passes on foreign broadcast news or invites other persons to listen in to foreign broadcasts."

ANXIETY FELT

The decree is regarded as an impressive indication of the anxiety felt by the Nazi leaders lest the unfavourable development of world opinion toward Germany should become known to their people.

It also underlines the determination to withhold as far as possible from the German people the trend of events within the country itself as they present themselves to neutral countries.—British Wireless.

WHAT PRICE GLORY?

Hush! don't tell anybody, but a Royal Air Force team — or would that be giving away vital information? — beat a French professional eleven by two goals to one "somewhere in France" yesterday. (Should we mention the day?)

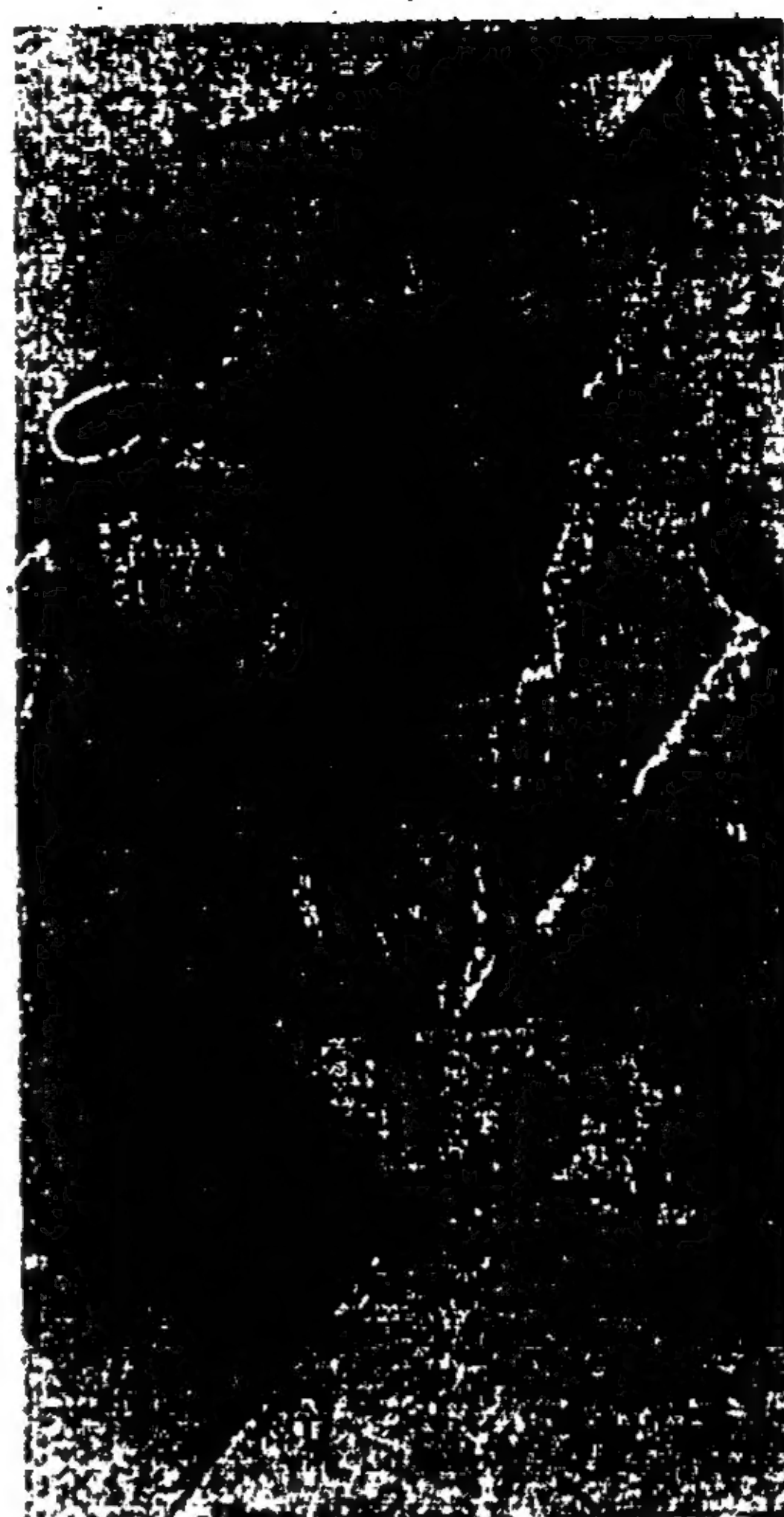
"The R.A.F. inside-left was an English amateur international, and his skill made the openings for both goals," says Reuter.

No, we can't give the player's name. Spies are among us!

HUNGARIAN CURRENCY DEVALUED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Budapest, To-day.

The National Bank of Hungary has lowered the rate of the pengoe as compared with the United States dollar. Hence, the rate of the Pengoe and Reichsmark is also modified, the latter rising about six per cent. — Havas.



Women pilots who have been selected for the women's section of the Air Transport Auxiliary will ferry trainer aircraft from factory to drome for the R.A.F. Photo shows Miss Pauline Gower, daughter of Sir Robert Gower, M.P., who is in charge of the women pilots. (Air Mail, Copyright).

DOG SHOW IN MARCH

THOSE WHO LOVE CATS AND DOGS, AND THERE ARE FEW WHO ARE NOT FOND OF EITHER ONE OR THE OTHER, IF NOT BOTH, WILL BE DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT THE CAT AND DOG SHOW, SO SUCCESSFULLY INAUGURATED LAST YEAR, WILL BE HELD AGAIN AT ST. JOHN'S PLACE, OPPOSITE THE PEAK TRAM STATION ON MARCH 10.

As far as possible, the organisers and officials will be those who produced the first show with such magni-

'GHOST' SHIP COMES HOME

With the Red Ensign still flying defiantly, down at her stern to the water's edge, badly listing to starboard, the "ghost" ship of the North Sea — the London steamer Eskdene (3,829 tons) — was towed into port recently.

The ship was abandoned, sinking stern first, by her crew of twenty-nine when she struck a mine more than a week ago.

Since then she has been drifting in the North Sea, a modern Flying Dutchman, refusing to answer signals from passing ships.

The position of the ghost ship was sent to an East Coast port via a Norwegian vessel, and tugs set out to trace her.

After hours of scouring the wastes, they came across her drifting, many miles from the coast, defying the Nazi mine danger.

Lines were hitched aboard, and a masterly piece of towing in heavy weather and fog was begun.

The Eskdene was brought gently into port and nosed by tugs on to the beach.

The crew of the Eskdene were rescued after being fourteen hours in their boats.

ficent organisation.

There will be however one difference! Last year the proceeds were given to the Hong Kong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. This year it has been decided to give the entire proceeds to the British War Organisation Fund.

Owners who desire to enter should note that Entry Forms can be obtained from: The Dog Show Office, Stock Exchange Building (Room 65) Telephone 33842 between 10 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. daily or Mrs. Hogg, Jockey Club Stables; or Mrs. Loseby, Dog's Home, Kowloon.

Entries will close definitely on February 23.

OFF THE RECORD

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HITLER BORROWS WAR AIMS OF THE ALLIES: TREND OF NAZI PROPAGANDA

London, To-day.

A REVIEW OF NAZI propaganda during the past month shows that it is developing steadily on one of its fundamental principles — accuses the Allies of weakness the Nazis suffer from themselves.

This principle went into operation when the Nazis realised how greatly German sources of news were discredited; so the Nazis proceed to try and discredit Allied news.

RIOTING IN RANGOON

Singapore, To-day.
The Commissioner of Police in Rangoon has issued a statement about the rioting which occurred during a Hindu procession on Saturday.
Only hoodlun elements were involved, he reports. One man was killed in the rioting and three others died later of their injuries.
The area has been quiet since Saturday night.—Reuter.

ONE AFTER THE OTHER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Lisbon, To-day.

The skipper of the Portuguese ship "Quanza," arriving here from Africa, stated that his vessel was boarded twice by the Allies.

First, a British warship took off four Germans and later a French warship took off two more Germans. The remaining Germans were allowed to continue their voyage because they were not of military age.—Havas.

CANADA'S ARMY VOTE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

OTTAWA, TO-DAY.

THE MOST ORIGINAL AND MOST MODERN ELECTION WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN MARCH WHEN CANADIAN SOLDIER WILL VOTE FOR THE NEW PARLIAMENT.

As already announced, the cards and the voting bulletins will be flown across the Atlantic by Clipper planes. John Thompson, of Ottawa, has been appointed the special delegate for the ballot among the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

The names of the candidates will be telegraphed to him and he will ensure publicity for the election by arranging for the broadcasting of election speeches.

The vote which will last ten days, will end on March 10.—Havas.

JAPANESE RAILWAY DISASTER

Osaka, To-day.
A petrol-driven rail-car was derailed and overturned at Ajikawa Station, and it is believed that its 300 passengers were all either killed or injured.—Reuter.

One of the most striking features of this has been on the subject of war and peace aims. In his New Year message to the German people, Hitler decided to announce the German war aims—and so he took over the war aims of the Allies!
"Germany and Europe must be freed from the violence and perpetual threats which have proceeded from England," he said.

COMES ODDLY

This, comment semi-official circles in London, comes odd from the man who annexed Austria, seized Czechoslovakia and plunged Europe into war by attacking Poland! Still, it is in keeping with "Mein Kampf," which stresses the effectiveness of the "big lie" as opposed to the small one.

In order to keep the tyrannised German workers quiet, the Nazis rant about the tyranny exercised in the British Empire and go back to the 18th, 17th and 16th centuries to find examples.

Similar methods are used in propaganda about the sea-war, religious freedom, free speech and so on.

It is interesting thus to watch the development of Nazi propaganda trying to conceal Nazi weaknesses not by defending them but making similar claims against the Allies.—Reuter.

NEW LONDON RAILWAY SYSTEM

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IN SPITE OF THE GREAT CALLS DUE TO THE WAR MADE ON THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY, MODERNISATION OF THE CITY RAILWAY TO WATERLOO HAS BEEN RAPIDLY PROCEEDED WITH AND NOW APPROACHES COMPLETION.

The change-over to the new system is expected to take place early this summer and passengers will find entirely new rolling stock constructed on modern principles designed to give maximum comfort.

The journey also will be much quieter as the rails have been welded together—the method found most effectively to reduce noise.

A speedy exit from this much used railway will assured by means of the triple escalator which been installed at the City end.—British Wireless.

JUNK VICTIMISED

Forty pirates in two large junks held up a cargo junk near San Mun Customs Station and after detaining the crew in the hold of the junk overnight left with a cargo of joss-paper, vegetables, oranges, poultry, and sausages, valued at \$5,024.

Lieut. Holdsworth, of H.M.S. Tamar, driving in Nathan Road yesterday, knocked down two Chinese crossing the road. The injured were Wong Hung-chuen and Wong King-leung, and were admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

SHANGHAI DOCTOR KILLED IN AIR CRASH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

A PROMINENT SHANGHAI DOCTOR AND SPORTSMAN WAS KILLED IN THE K.L.M. AIR CRASH IN SOURABAYA ON JANUARY 22. PRIVATE ADVICES RECEIVED IN SHANGHAI STATE. HE WAS DR. W. R. JOHNSTON, WHO RETIRED A FEW MONTHS AGO FROM HIS POSITION AS SUPERINTENDANT OF SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HOSPITALS.

Dr. Johnston, who was born in Ireland in 1907, distinguished himself at Trinity College, Dublin, by being both a brilliant student and an equally brilliant sportsman. His degrees included M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., M.D., and D.R.H. (Dublin). After holding a number of posts in Britain, he came out to the East to join the S.M.C. in 1934.

For five years, he was Superintendent of Council Hospitals and an active and prominent member of the Shanghai Medical Society. He was a keen rider and polo-player and was closely connected with Shanghai's hunting and boxing circles. He was also a member of the Light Horse Company, Shanghai Volunteer Corps. He left Shanghai some five months ago to go to New Zealand to visit relations; from Wellington he was going home to offer his services to the Army.

Mrs. Johnston and their daughter were waiting for him in New Zealand.—Our Own Correspondent.

CAME BY AIR TO H.K. WITHOUT A PASSPORT

APPARENTLY ESCAPING THE ATTENTION OF BRITISH AND FRENCH AUTHORITIES, A GERMAN WOMAN, FRAU FANNY ROCHILD, 30, FLEW FROM MARSEILLES TO HONG KONG, ARRIVING BY AIR FRANCE PLANE AT THE KAI TAK AERODROME LAST THURSDAY AND ENTERED THE COLONY WITHOUT A PASSPORT.

She was, however, traced by the Hong Kong authorities, at the Metropole Hotel, and charged this morning with entering the Colony without a passport.

Defendant stated that she was on her way to join her husband in Shanghai.

She was cautioned and had an expulsion order made out against her.

It is understood that she will be allowed, under certain restrictions, to remain at the Metropole Hotel, pending the departure of a boat for the northern port.

Sergeant Taylor-prosecuted.

Sergeant Hewitt, of Wanchai Police Station, lost tools and clothing valued at \$63, from his car, parked near the Army football field, Sookunpoo, on Saturday.

Lieut. C. M. M. Man, Middlesex Regiment, lost clothing to the value of \$80, stolen from his car, parked outside Empress Lodge, Mody Road, yesterday.



Mr. Oliver Stanley, the new War Minister, who succeeded Mr. More Bellish, took up his new duties at the War Office on January 12. Photo shows Mr. Oliver Stanley, at his desk at the War Office. (Air Mail. Copyright).

RUNNING GUN BATTLE LAST NIGHT

A RUNNING BATTLE BETWEEN TWO CHINESE CONSTABLES AND FIVE ARMED ROBBERS INCLUDING A WOMAN OCCURRED SHORTLY AFTER 10 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT IN SHAMSHUPO AFTER THE ROBBERS HAD RANSACKED THE LUEN FAT MONEY-CHANGERS SHOP AT NO. 75, NAM CHEONG STREET.

Replying to shots fired by four of the robbers who attempted a get-away, the two Chinese constables who arrested one of the men fired six shots but without effect.

In the course of the chase to Nathan Road, three of the fleeing men were caught by two other Police officers, including a British sergeant.

When the money-changers shop was about to close at about 10 p.m., four men and a woman, armed with revolvers, daggers and knives, entered the shop and, threatening the inmates, tied them up with wire.

They removed all personal jewelry and ransacked the cash box.

Two Chinese policemen appeared and one of the men, with a revolver in his possession, was arrested, handcuffed and handed to the shop's foks.

The two constables then pursued the three other men towards Nathan Road, the woman having completely disappeared.

The fleeing robbers fired several shots at the police who, in reply, fired six shots, but failed to score a hit.

Hearing the sounds of revolver fire, a European Sergeant and another Chinese constable intercepted the three men and arrested them.

KIDNAPPING CHARGE

Charged with kidnapping an eight-year-old girl, Chan Kam, 60, a beggar and a widow was this morning sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen.

Chan Yin, 30, married woman, and Lai Yuk, 49, travelling trader, also charged, were discharged owing to lack of evidence.

Det. Sgt. J. Johnston, prosecuting, said the girl was sold to the two accused who were discharged as their future daughter-in-law.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

SOME FIGURES ON SACRIFICES

"Fancy taxes" of these different varieties cannot thus be relied upon for more than a very moderate contribution. Some money—but, again, in all probability only a moderate amount—can be expected to be available from the profits of the various forms of trading in which the industrial and commodity controls are engaging. But there is no escaping the basic fact that, if substantially more money is to be raised in taxation, the burden will have to be laid on the ordinary unexceptional citizen. How could it be otherwise, since the major economic necessity of wartime is, by universal consent, to reduce the consumption of the general public? Let us therefore abandon the search for ingenious taxes that somebody else can be made to pay and ask what we ourselves can pay.

The first resort is inevitably to the income tax. Can the standard rate be raised above 7s. 6d. in the £? The answer is that the standard rate, always deceptive, has become positively misleading. There is only one sort of income to which the standard rate sans phrase applies, and that is companies' allocations to reserve. Tax is deducted from dividends at the standard rate, but this is only a convenient first approximation. Dividends are merged in the other income of their recipients and the individual's total payment of tax, if it works out at 7s. 6d. in the £ of his income, does so by the purest accident. To propose that the standard rate of income tax should be 10s. in the £ would be to risk a psychological reaction approaching paralysis. But what would be the effect of proposing that a married man with two children and an earned income of £1,000 should find an extra 25s. a week for the tax collector, or that the tax now paid by a childless couple with an unearned income of £500 should rise by 12s. a week? Yet these would be the effects of a rise in the standard rate from 7s. 6d. to 10s. in the £. The complete abolition of the standard rate and the substitution of a progressive scale of rates would add very little to the administrative cost of collecting the tax and would have the great psychological advantage that income tax would no longer be, as at present, much more oppressive sound and appearance than in fact. The Chancellor would be well advised to explore this possibility. It must, of course, be recognised that any increase in the burden of income tax must fall with disproportionate severity on the middle incomes, if only because there is so little of the large incomes left to tax. But there is no particular injustice in this. The British tax system has always favoured the middle classes more than either the poor or the rich. The Colwyn Committee estimated in 1925-26 that taxes of all kinds took only 6.2 per cent. of the income of a family man with £500 a year, compared with 11.6 per cent. for the family man with £150 a year and 15.2 per cent. for the family man with £2,000 a year. In any case, apart from considerations of equity, the middle incomes are the only source from which a large increase in the yield of direct taxation can be expected.

It is the more necessary to dwell on the contributions that the rich and the middle incomes can make because the contributions of the matter concerned are almost wholly on the sacrifices that will have to be made by the wage-earners. Such sacrifices will unquestionably have to be imposed by the hook of taxation or the crook of inflation—but it is essential that they

should be seen to form part of an equitable whole. Perhaps the ideal way of raising revenue from the workers would be by means of a direct tax on wages such as Mr. Keynes has suggested (for that is what his scheme amounts to while the war is in progress). This would permit some simple element of graduation and make it possible to allow for the differing family responsibilities of individual wage-earners. If any such tax proved to be either politically or administratively impracticable, the only remaining resource would be something of the nature of a universal excise, with all the notorious regressive character of such taxes.

None of these are definite and precise proposals for increased taxation. They are indications of the sort of additional taxation that will be needed if we are to make a serious effort to increase tax revenue by several hundred millions a year. Even drastic measures of this kind will not revolutionise the national accounts. An increase in income tax equivalent to a standard rate of 10s. in the £ plus still further increases on the middle incomes plus taxation on the wage-earners which took away, on the average, a shilling in the £ of their incomes, would hardly raise the revenue to more than £1,500 millions, and optimistic estimates of the yield of E.P.T. and of the profits of Government trading might bring the figure to £1,750 millions. That would still leave a minimum of £1,500 millions a year to be borrowed. The gross savings of the public, at the present rate of taxation, and including all expenditure on the maintenance and renewal of existing capital, are barely half this amount. Can we safely leave so large a sum to be borrowed?—"The Economist."

DOMINION ENVOYS

Mr. R. G. Casey's appointment to be Australian Minister to the United States brings a welcome increase of strength to the diplomatic representation of the British Commonwealth in Washington. Mr. Casey is not only an outstanding figure in Australian politics. He has had valuable experience of a diplomatic character in London, and his knowledge of the general international situation is not surpassed by anyone in the Commonwealth. Australia as a Pacific Power has interests which need representation in Washington, and, apart from the Australian Minister's own intercourse with the State Department, it will be an advantage to the British Ambassador to be able to keep himself well acquainted at first hand with the Australian point of view. The advisability of appointing Ministers of their own in Washington and perhaps other capitals has been considered by Australian Governments on several occasions during the past few years. Their decision now to take this step, together with their choice of their first Minister, implies in a definite compliment to the United States. In the early days there might have been doubts whether the Dominions were rich enough in men with the necessary qualifications to be able to spare them for service abroad. But as they have grown in national status, so they have grown in the capacity to carry their new responsibilities. Their High Commissioners in London, for example—to mention only Mr. Vincent Massey and Mr. Bruce—are men who would be distinguishable in any community. In the calibre of their representatives abroad the Dominions have certainly no need to fear comparison even with countries of much larger experience and greater resources.—"The Times."

U.S. AND FINLAND

If Finland needs aeroplanes to survive, the United States should see that she gets them at once. For they will serve American interests far better now in Finland's Army than in America's. —Livingston Hartley, in the "Christian Science Monitor."

More Nazi Secrets Revealed

Startling Report By Escaped Doctor

"HEIL, HUNGER!" TALE OF SEX AND DRINK

HOW LONG CAN Nazi Germany hold out? How long before her civil population cracks? The answers are anybody's guess; but everybody's guess can be based on this hard fact: Germany entered the war the sick man of Europe.

Six years of Nazi rule have made Germany the most disease-ridden country in Europe; and the younger generation, which is said to be fanatically pro-Hitler, are smothering the gnawing pains of disease and hunger in alcohol and sex.

Six months ago, writes a correspondent, I talked in a London hotel with a woman en route from Switzerland to America. She told me how Dr. Martin Gumpert, famous head of the Berlin City Dispensary for Deformity Diseases and a victim of Nazi Jew-baiting, had escaped, how he had sacrificed his personal property to get out of Germany official records of German public health and vital statistics.

Under Hitler the teetotaller, the consumption of alcohol was doubled. Under Hitler the purist, venereal infection in the Nazi Army has more than doubled.

The reasons are being set out in full in Dr. Gumpert's forthcoming book, "Heil, Hunger!"

DISEASE TOLL

In 1933, there were 79,830 scarlet fever cases; in 1937, 117,544. In 1933 there were 77,340 diphtheria cases; in 1937, 146,733. Dysentery, a disease of filth, has jumped 300 per cent. The mortality rate has risen by 80,000 per year, and strikes especially at the age-groups one to 15 and 20 to 45.

In 1936, only 75 per cent of men called to the Colours were fit for service; in 1938, only 55 per cent.

These conditions are reflected in:—
The falling marriage rate—12.2 per 1,000 in 1934; 8.9 per 1,000 in 1937;

The alarming number of suicides—4.1 in every 10,000 persons, the Nazi figure being almost as high as the gross figure for the rest of Europe;

The increase in the number of industrial accidents—1,789,000 in 1937, and a rise of 435,000 in two years.

Tubercular patients, numbering 1,500,000, are forced to engage in "useful work," those who behave "anti-socially"—"perhaps they will actually cough," comments Dr. Gumpert—being "ruthlessly eliminated."

Lord Haw-Haw recently has been reminding British listeners of the alleged effects on German children of the 1917-18 Blockade. That Blockade precipitated rickets, now called "Englishman's Disease" by Nazi propagandists. The devilishly clever Nazi propaganda machine, we may be sure, will lie and misrepresent in an effort to turn to their own advantage Dr. Gumpert's tragic revelation that the German populace is riddled with rickets now.

PROPAGANDA VALUE

In Munich, only 3.5 per cent. of school children are free from rickets. A majority of boys and girls in the Hitler Youth suffer from splayed, twisted or flat feet. The majority of young men in the Labour Service suffer similarly. Between 1937 and 1939, the number of university students who had to be excused from sports because of physical weakness doubled.

"Heil, Hunger!" is dynamite. In the hands of a Ministry of Information that knows its job it can blow up the Nazi creed in Germany—and in Great Britain, where there are still misguided persons, including members of the Government, who think there is something to be said for Nazi social schemes after all.

CENSOR "BREAKS THE ICE!"

London, To-day.

"The ice has been broken by the censor," chuckled the B.B.C. announcer during yesterday's Empire broadcasts.

In order to make things difficult for German weathermen—and, hence, German airmen—the popular comments on "The Weather at Home" have been dropped from the Empire news bulletins for some time.

Yesterday, the censor allowed the BBC to broadcast details of the sort of weather England had been having some two weeks ago!

This included the coldest weather in 46 years, the freezing of the Thames, ice-skating, broken water pipes, and lucky householders sharing their baths with more unfortunate friends.

"It is cold to-day, but we cannot tell you any more about it now," concluded the announcer. "Perhaps we shall be able to give you some more in the future if the censor thaws out again!"—Reuter.

BRITISH RELIEF IN TURKEY

Istanbul, To-day.

The British delegate to help in the distribution of clothing, medicines, food and other relief to the earthquake victims reached Istanbul yesterday, where he was given an official welcome.

He will proceed to the stricken area to-day.—Reuter.

CANADIAN ELECTION

Ottawa, To-day.

Mr. Mackenzie King, the Prime Minister, is not to make the customary trans-continental tour in connection with the general election which falls on March 28.

Any election speeches which are broadcast will have to be censored in accordance with the Defence Regulations of Canada.—Reuter.

GOLD CREDIT REACHES TURKEY

Ankara, To-day.

Gold worth £15,000,000 arrived here yesterday by special train from Syria. It represents credit granted to Turkey for strengthening her foreign exchange under the Franco-Turco economic agreement.—Reuter.

NAZIS "READY FOR 30-YEAR WAR"

"We are ready even for a thirty years' war," said a broadcast from all Nazi stations last night.

"We wait patiently for the right moment for decisive action," it was added. "The Fuehrer will choose it."

In a radio speech after the opening of the Adolf Hitler canal in Upper Silesia, Gauleiter Wagner said: "This is only the beginning of the Fuehrer's plans. We will have channels in the Balkans down to the Black Sea—if not this year, certainly in the future."

MILITARY EXPERT ON LIKELY NAZI TACTICS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.

GENERAL DUVAL, FAMOUS FRENCH MILITARY EXPERT, IN THE COURSE OF A LECTURE HERE EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT A GERMAN ATTACK WILL AIM TO SHATTER THE MAGINOT LINE BETWEEN THE MOSELLE AND THE RHINE AND WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO INVADE BELGIUM, HOLLAND, OR SWITZERLAND.

Neither does he expect the Nazis to cause a diversion through Scandinavia or the Balkans.

He believes that the German attack will be supported by tanks, weighing 80 or even 100 tons, a massive air offensive and large-scale military action.—Havas.

NATIONS IN ARMS: 17,500,000 SOLDIERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

By the end of this year, Germany will have 7,500,000 men under arms; France, 6,500,000; and Britain, 3,500,000, according to the "Sunday Despatch."

Referring to the French Army, the same paper says that British military experts were amazed when they saw the innumerable guns behind the Maginot Line all mounted on runways and rails, and asserts that the French artillery control all the German highways within a radius of 50 miles of the Maginot Line.

The paper also describes the 70-ton tanks of the French Army.—Havas.

U.S. NOT RUSHING INTO THE WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

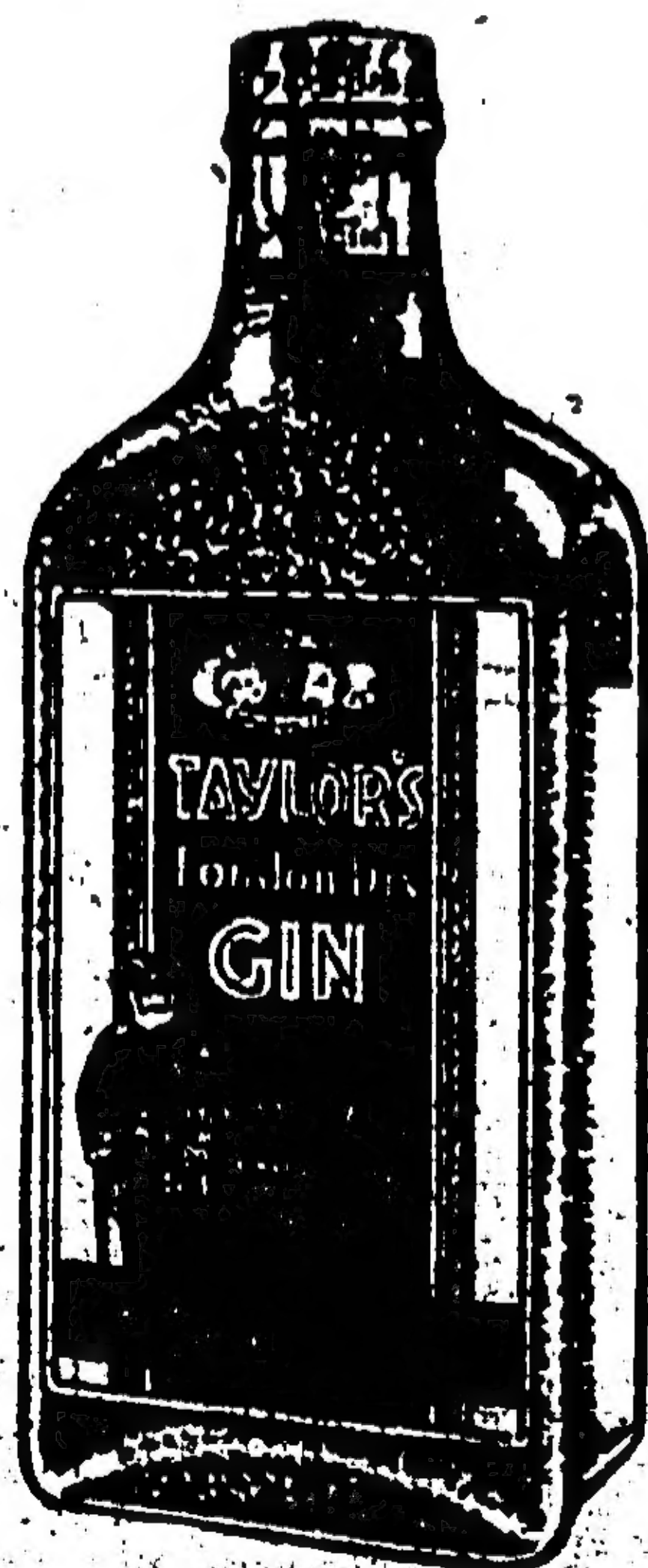
President Roosevelt's message to Great War veterans, stressed that the recent decision to strengthen national defence does not mean that the United States will be involved in the European War.

"To the contrary, stated the President," the dangers of the United States participating in the war has been decreased by defence preparations.—Havas.

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HONG KONG.

Allied Military Offensive Shortly Predicted MR. CHURCHILL INTERPRETED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

COMMENTING ON MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL'S SPEECH, MOST OBSERVERS STRESSED THAT MR. CHURCHILL CLEARLY HINTED THAT A MILITARY OFFENSIVE MAY SOON PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE ALLIES ACTION.

It may be recalled that a similar idea has already been expressed during the past few days by prominent British personalities like Mr. L. M. S. Amery, former Dominions Secretary, who urged that Britain attack Germany by air, while the famous author, H. G. Wells, a hitherto pacifist advocated an air bombardment of Berlin.

Opinion prevalent here is that constant improvement in production of aircraft now enables the Allies to efficiently attack German military objectives and with the ever-increasing gain in the Allies military power the next few weeks might witness important changes in the present situation. — Havas.

GERMAN COMMENT

London, To-day.

German propaganda is already trying to distort the speech made by Mr. Winston Churchill at Manchester on Saturday.

The newspaper "Diplomatische Korrespondenz," which is in close touch with the Nazi Foreign Office, says that Mr. Churchill reproached the neutrals "for shirking from what is alleged to be their war."

There is no attempt to prove this point or back it up, and Mr. Churchill himself would be somewhat puzzled to find out where they got this idea — except possibly from his reference to the fact that Nazi sympathy for neutrals had been chiefly shown by the sinking of their ships. — Reuter.

GERMANY PROTESTS TO VATICAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Vatican City, To-day.

It is understood that the German Ambassador has made representations to the Papal Secretary of State regarding the recent broadcasts from the Vatican in which the German atrocities in Poland were exposed in detail. — Havas.

"NOTHING TO REPORT" ONCE MORE

Paris, To-day.

For the fifth day in succession, yesterday morning's French war bulletin said:—"Nothing to report." It is learned that British and French sea patrols have carried out a number of attacks on U-boats, but no details are as yet available. — Reuter.

HITLER PLANNING NEW MOVES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE NEWSPAPER, "THE PEOPLE" ASSERTS THAT HITLER IS PLANNING A NEW CAMPAIGN OF TERRORISATION OF NEUTRALS AND IS PREPARING ULTIMATUMS TO RUMANIA, HUNGARY AND YUGOSLAVIA TO BE FOLLOWED BY LARGE-SCALE MILITARY OFFENSIVE.

However, before starting his attack, Hitler is awaiting an assurance of non-intervention by Italy.

Hitler has promised Mussolini that Nazi penetration will not affect Italian interests while, at the same time, the Reich will stop any Russian attempt in the Balkans.

Furthermore, Hitler would refrain from asking for Italian help in the present conflict and would grant Italy North Africa, if the Reich wins. — Havas.

LOGICAL STEPS FOR ITALY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Justifying the rationing system instituted in Italy, Signor Roberto Farinacci, State Minister and former Secretary of the Fascist Party, stated that Italians must not grumble since "Germany has been eating black bread and potatoes for the past five years," and added that rationing is the basis for economic mobilisation and is quite the logical step at a time when the piling up of armament is being pushed ahead. — Havas.

MERISIA TRAGEDY

London, To-day.

The whole of the crew of twelve of the Fleetwood trawler, Merisia, was lost during Saturday night when the vessel went on the rocks near Ramses, Isle of Man.

On Thursday, the Crew had been presented with £100 for saving Netherlands from an open boat in the Atlantic. — Reuter.

KRONSTADT BOMBED AGAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

It is confirmed that Finnish planes have again bombed Kronstadt. The Finnish airmen later saw ships burning in the harbour. — Havas.

IRISH SWEEP NOT CLOSING

London, Yesterday.

It is now denied that the Irish Hospitals Sweep is to close down.

Mr. J. O'Sheehan, the publicity chief of the Irish Sweep, told pressmen that the report arose from a warning to members of the staff not regarded as indispensable that the Sweep might have to work on a much smaller scale and they had better look for other employment.

He admitted that receipts have fallen heavily and that staff dismissals were inevitable.

At present, however, the Trust Committee had every intention of carrying on. — Our Own Correspondent.

FERRY SIGHS MINE ADRIFT

Excitement reigned among passengers on board the Hong Kong-Cheung Chau Ferry launch at 7.30 p.m. to-day, when a mine was sighted drifting south of Cheung Chau Rock.

The mine was floating westwards out to sea.

The police were informed on arrival of the ferry boat and two Police launches were sent out to explode the mine.

U. S. ARMY NOW AT FULL STRENGTH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, Yesterday.

As a result of the intensive recruiting campaign, the total effectives of the United States Army have reached 227,000, the figure set by President Roosevelt last December. — Havas.

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INEXPENSIVE SATISFYING

Bringing Up Father



By George McManus



A FIGHTER COMMAND IN ACTION—These pictures were taken at one of England's fighter command stations on the North East coast. They are responsible for home defence against hostile air attack. Photo shows: Bullets by the yard Loading up ammunition for the machine guns of one of the fighters. (Air Mail. Copyright).



After the eight machine-guns of a Spitfire had been in action. They fire altogether 120 bullets a second—and the effect is like a giant circular saw. (Air Mail. Copyright).

STABBING SEQUEL

The stabbing of a Chinese constable, Li Hing-po, by a snatcher on Thursday afternoon, had a sequel before Mr. E. Himsforth when Chan Fong, 21, was charged with wounding with intent to resist lawful apprehension, with snatching a woollen scarf from Chan Wan, with being a member of a "Triad Society," and with possession of a knife for an unlawful purpose.

At the request of Chief Det.-Inspector Carey, Chan Fong was remanded for further enquiries. It is hoped to arrest his accomplice.

The wounded constable is in hospital.

FINNISH CONVICTS RELEASED TO FIGHT

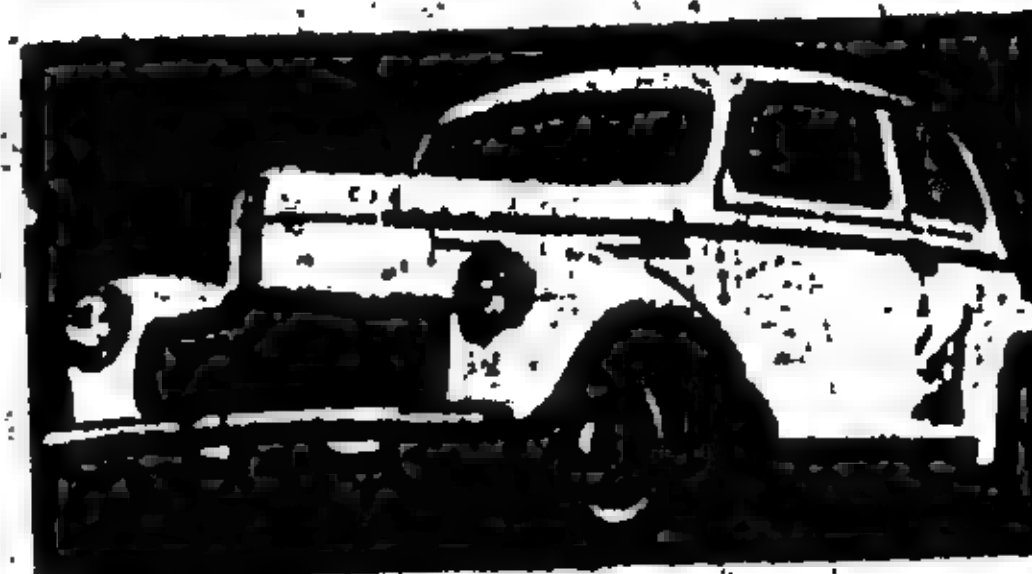
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day. Many Finnish convicts who asked permission to fight for the defence of the country had their petitions granted by President Kyri Kaln. Hays.

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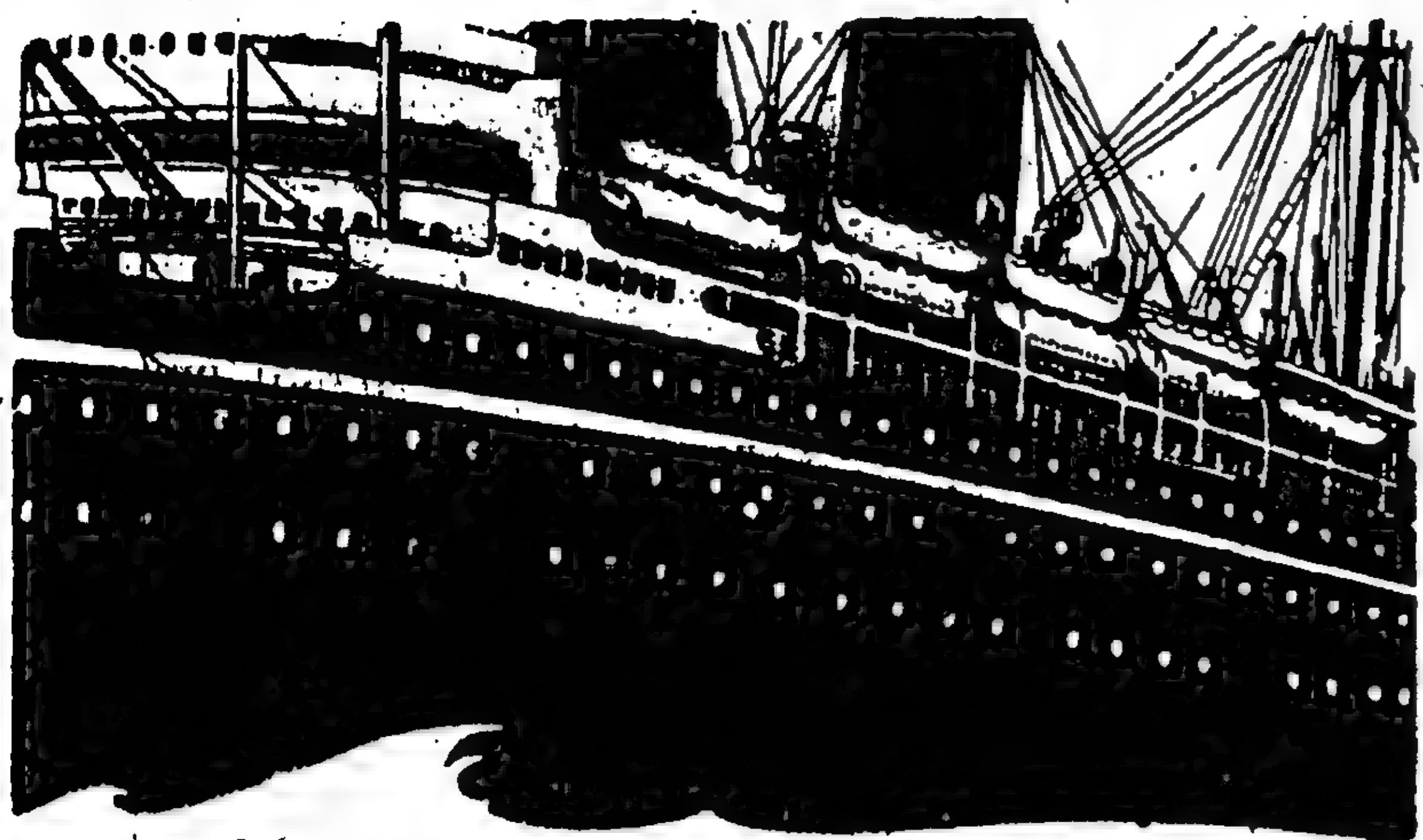
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Canton	January 30.
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24th January	January 31.
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January	January 31.
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Java and Manila	January 31.
Shanghai and Swatow	January 31.
Straits and Saigon	February 1.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai — (Vancouver	
B.C. date, 11th Jan.)	February 1.
Calcutta and Straits	February 1.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" — London date,	
20th January	February 2.
Japan and Shanghai	February 3.
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12th January)	February 3.

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For	Per	Date and Time.
	MONDAY	
Formosa		Mon., Jan. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Japan		Mon., Jan. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong (Parcels only)		Jan. 29, 1.00 p.m.
Canton		Jan. 29, 7.00 p.m.
	TUESDAY	
Straits and Calcutta		Tues., Jan. 30.
	Par.,	Tues., Jan. 30, 11.00 a.m.
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Amoy		Thur., Jan. 30, 2.30 p.m.
Haiphong		Tues., Jan. 30, 2.00 p.m.
Fort Bayard		Tues., Jan. 30, 2 p.m.
Shanghai		Tues., Jan. 30, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service" due London, 7th Feb.		K.P.O.
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	Ord.,	Tues., Jan. 30, 5.30 p.m.
		G.P.O.
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Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney 5th Feb.		Reg.,
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		Tues., Jan. 30, 5.30 p.m.
		G.P.O.
	Reg.,	Tues., Jan. 30, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Tues., Jan. 30, 7.00 p.m.
		WEDNESDAY
Bangkok		Wed., Jan. 31, 10.30 a.m.
Canton		Wed., Jan. 31, 7.15 a.m.
Shanghai		Wed., Jan. 31, 2.30 p.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, East Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles — due Marseilles, 27th Feb.		G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Reg.,	Wed., Jan. 31, 2.45 p.m.
	Ord.,	Wed., Jan. 31, 3.30 p.m.
Manila, Bangkok, Mauritius Reunion, Madagascar Lourenco-Marques and South Africa via Durban		Wed., Jan. 31, 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service" — due Paris, 8th February.		K.P.O.
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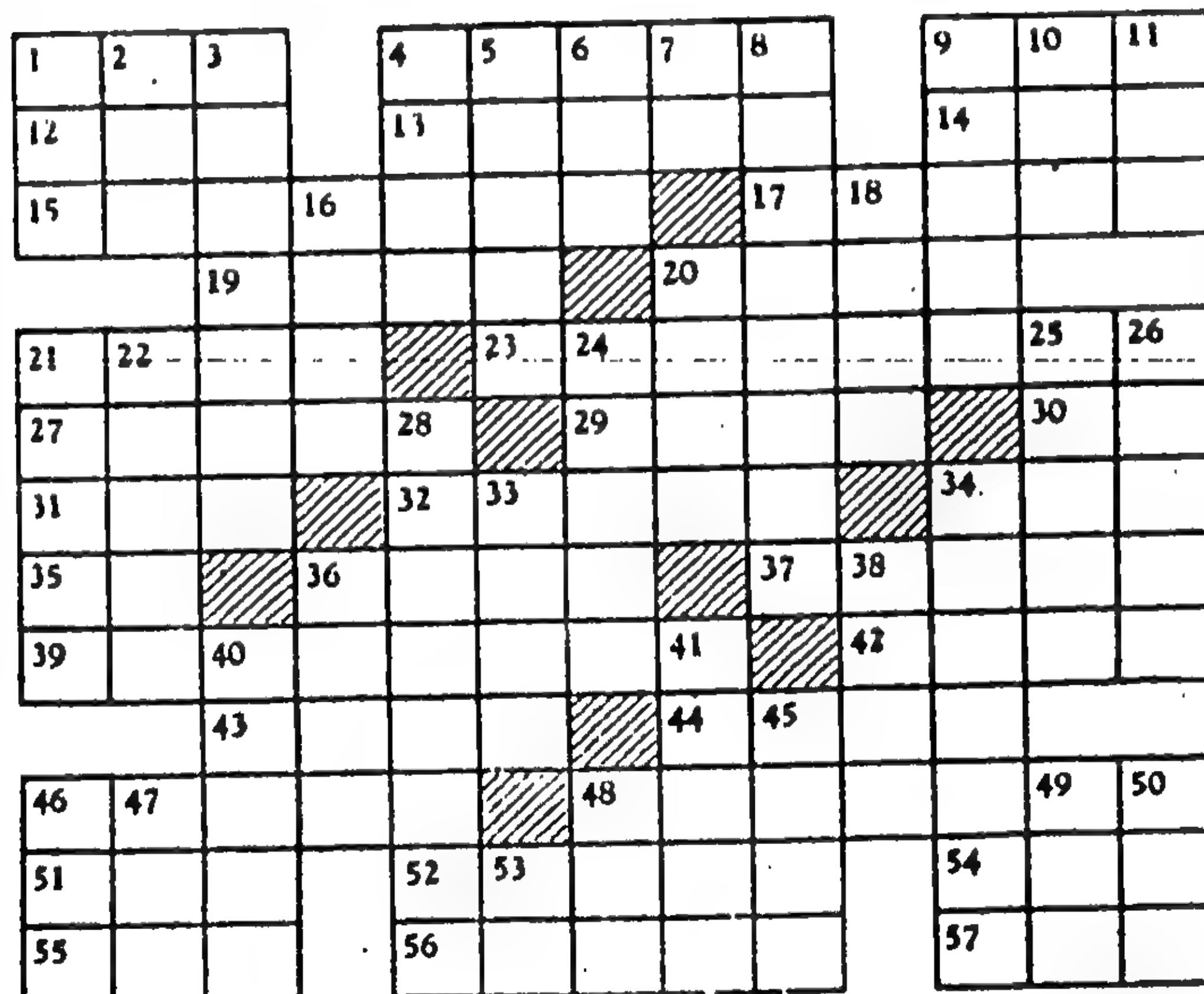
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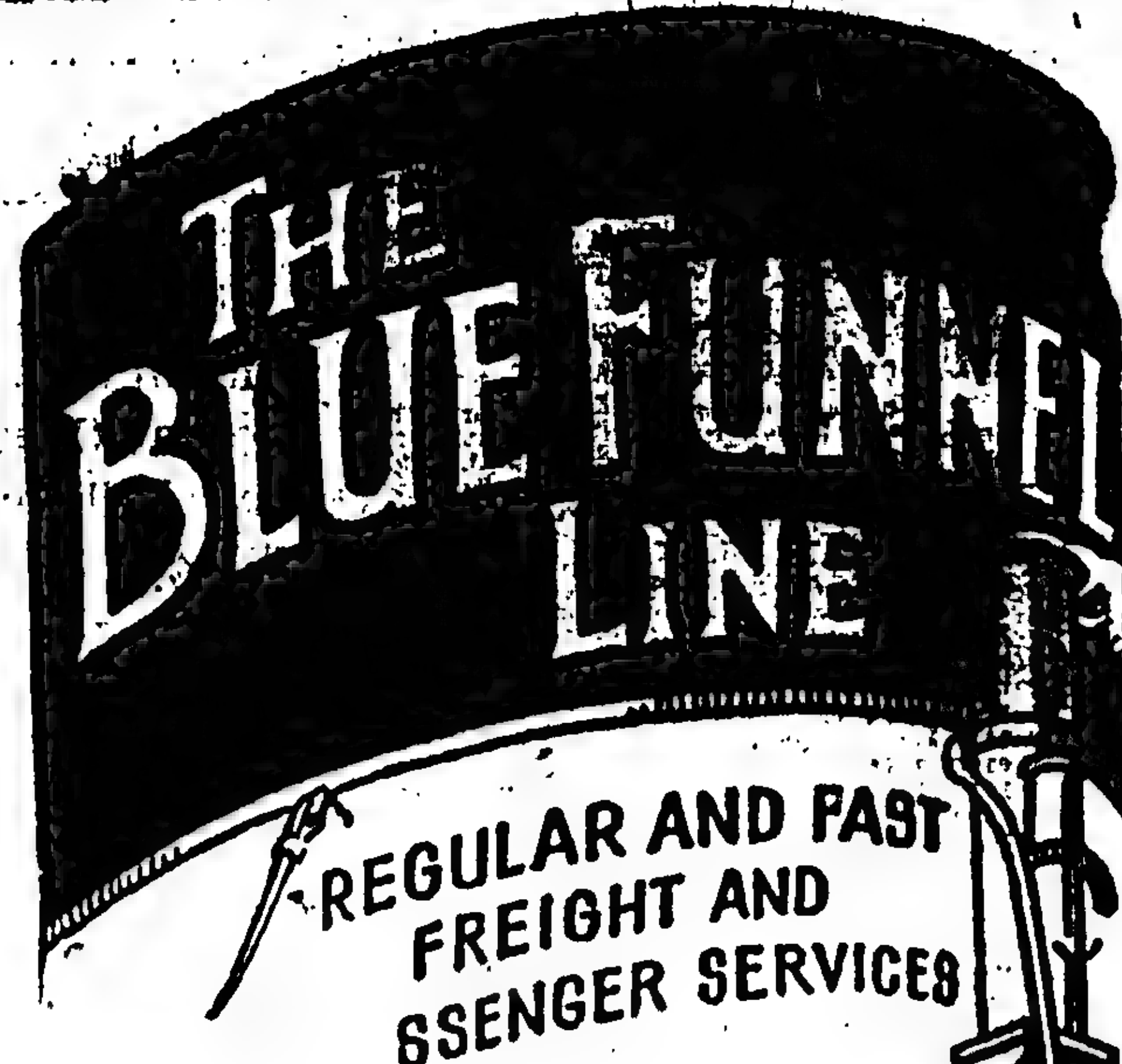
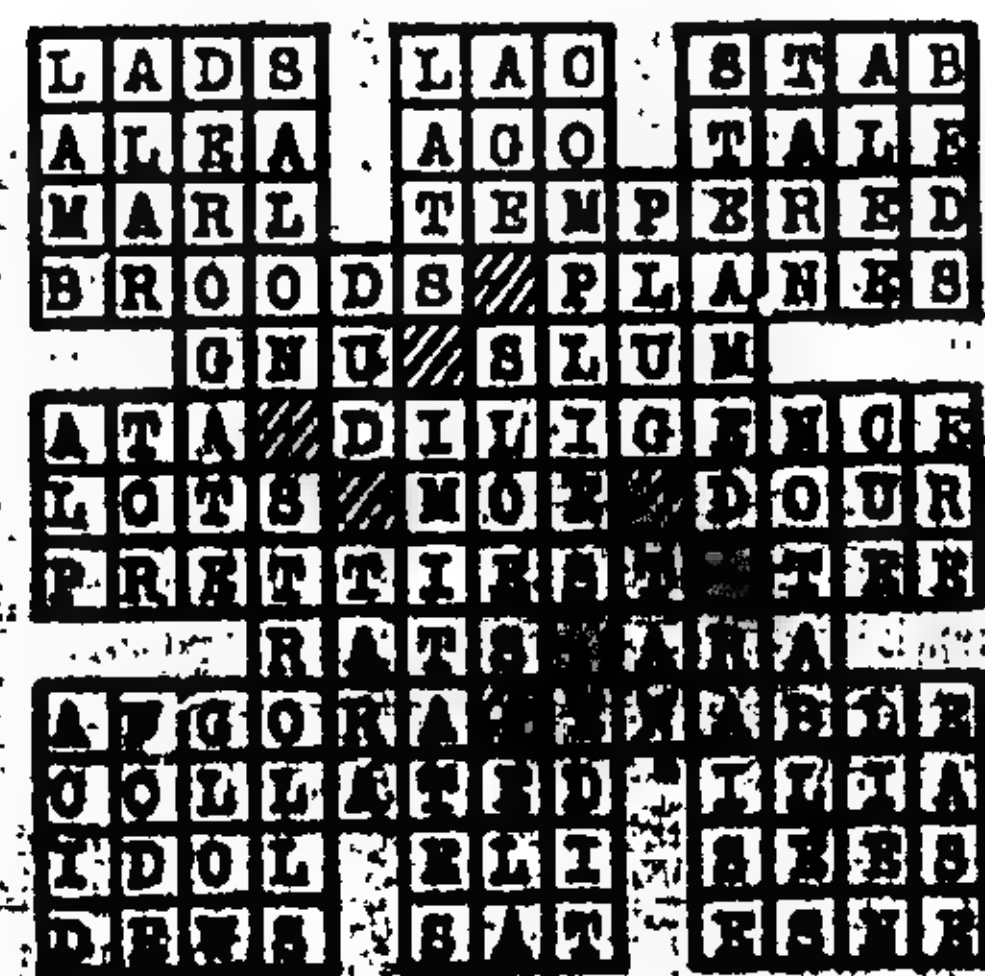
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- 1 Preserve
- 4 Divided
- 9 East Indian sheep
- 12 Palm leaf
- 13 Angered
- 14 Hindu symbols
- 15 Matted
- 17 To unite
- 19 Storm
- 20 To seal with wax
- 21 To season
- 23 Limited
- 27 Faith
- 29 Hawaiian wreaths
- 30 Mother of Titans
- 31 To free
- 32 Group of eight
- 34 Vase
- 35 Exists
- 36 Pain
- 37 Belgian city
- 39 Part of horse's armour
- 42 Tardy
- 43 Residence
- 44 Midday

VERTICAL

- 1 To sketch offhand
- 2 Wing
- 3 Smoothed
- 4 Window ledge
- 5 To smooth feathers
- 6 Youth
- 7 Pronoun
- 8 Rashness
- 9 To scatter
- 10 Old horse
- 11 Beverage
- 16 Opening
- 18 Greek cupid
- 20 Indian
- 21 Document
- 22 To ascend
- 24 To very
- 25 White heron
- 26 Foggy
- 28 Art of assaying
- 33 East Indian weight
- 34 Metallic element
- 36 Small particle
- 38 Section of ground
- 40 Must
- 41 To penetrate
- 45 Large trees
- 48 Luffed ball
- 47 To prevaricate
- 48 Body of water
- 49 Crude metal
- 50 Insect
- 53 French article

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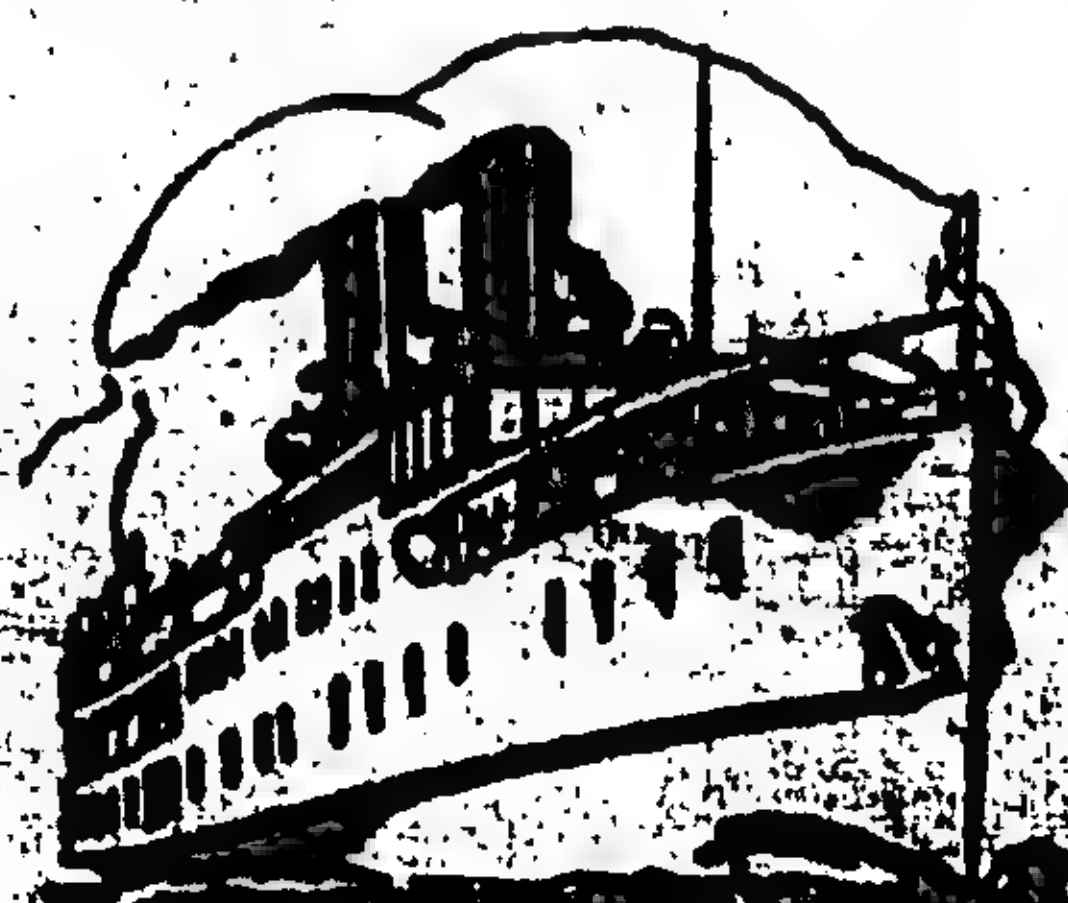
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CIVILIANS PLAY WELL BUT BEATEN 4-2

(By "REFEREE")

THOUGH CIVILIANS were beaten by 4 goals to 2 by the Chinese in the Semi-final of the Lai Wah Cup Competition at Causeway Bay yesterday they were fully extended, and, had the Civilian forwards being a bit steadier in their shooting, a different tale might have been told.

Civilians made several changes in their advertised team as Williamson and Fowler were absent, the former owing to work and the latter as the result of injury sustained on Saturday. The only reserve to turn up was Forrow of Club.

A. V. Gosano took the pivotal position with Forrow as inside left. Rumjahn was brought into the team at the last moment on the right wing.

Taylor, who played his first representative game in the Colony, gave a brilliant display in goal. His handling was safe as far as high balls

were concerned but he lacked experience in leaving his goal. His taking of goal kicks was good. He should develop into a first-class goalkeeper with practice.

Bone was the only weak link in a good defence. Maxwell at right half played a sound game and assisted A. V. Gosano greatly while Honniball was his usual self with his tackling and clearances. Blackburn was prominent at backs and saved his side on several occasions.

GOSANO DISTRIBUTES WELL

In the forward line Bickford was not in his best form but sent over good centres, Forrow his partner showed good ball control but did not seem at home in that position. In the centre-forward berth B. Gosano opened up the game with good passes to his wing.

Pryde and Rumjahn were handicapped by weight, but on the whole did well.

With the Civilian defence playing close to the attacking forwards Chinese did not have much scope for inter-passing, and, as a result, most danger came from the wings.

A. V. Gosano in the centre tackled well and quickly and was their main stumbling-block. Chan did not have the opportunities he has had in other games and Lee was too closely attended to be very dangerous. Hau Ching-to was the more dangerous of the winners.

In defence Choy in goal again did well and brought off many good saves.

THE PLAY

The game started with the Civilians pressing and in the few minutes they had two chances to score. Play was taken to the other end and Taylor was called upon twice in succession.

The Chinese scored through Lee Wai-tong, who received a pass from Fung, and shortly after Chan Tak-fai scored, though Taylor was at fault with this goal. Before the interval Pryde equalised with a good shot.

In the second half the Civilians made desperate efforts to equalise and Rumjahn narrowly missed when well placed. Hau Ching-to placed his side further in the lead when he beat Taylor from close in but Rumjahn scored shortly after.

In the last ten minutes Hau Ching-to received a pass from Chung Yung-sum to score the last goal of the match.

Chinese:—Cheung Wing-choi; Lee Tin- (Continued at foot of next Column)

CLODIUS MISSION IN ITALY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

It is reliably learned that Dr. Clodius, the Chief of the Economic Section of the German Foreign Office, is desperately attempting to secure from Italy the rolling stock so badly needed by the German railways.

It is recalled that Germany has already made similar efforts, in vain, in Belgium, Holland and Rumania.

It is, however, highly doubted whether Dr. Clodius can succeed as Italy herself needs all the rolling stock available to her.

The only materials available are obsolete vapour engines as most of the Italian railways are electrified.

ITALIAN INTEREST

Furthermore, Germany is unable to pay Italy in currency and is offering only goods in exchange. Italy is especially interested in German coal, and it will be recalled that before the war she took 7,000,000 tons from Germany, mainly transported by sea.

It is precisely the shortage of German rolling stock which prevents consideration of a barter arrangement on a coal for rolling stock basis as the transport of such enormous quantities of coal to pay for Italian railway cars and engines would defeat its only purpose.—Havas.

NAZIS IN NIGHTSHIRTS

80,000,000 Nazis in nightshirts — a nation without pyjamas.

This is what clothing rationing will mean to Germany, according to William L. Shirer, an American journalist in Berlin.

He broadcast to his home country on the Columbia system the other day, and asserted that this nocturnal regimentation of Germany would result in a total saving of 400,000,000 units on the nation's clothing and textile rationing cards.

PYJAMAS TOO DEAR

A nightgown or nightshirt will consume a quarter of each person's wardrobe allowance for the year, but pyjamas would cost an extra five units.

There are separate cards for men, women, boys, girls and children between the ages of two and three.

SWAN WAS FIRST CASUALTY

First-aid workers at the Hendon A.R.P. depot in Daws-lane, Mill Hill, had a swan for their first casualty, and they have dealt with it satisfactorily.

The swan fell exhausted and injured in the road near the depot, after crashing into telegraph wires while in flight.

A party of first-aid workers went out and brought it into the depot, where they applied suitable treatment, including a dose of brandy. The bird is now making satisfactory progress as an in-patient.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £ — U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York on London rate at £ — U.S.\$3.99.

Lang, Lee Kwok-wai; Soon Ling-sing, Hau Kink-sen, Leung Wing-chui; Chung Yung-sum, Fung King-chong, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong and Hau Ching-to.
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THE KENSAL RISE MURDER MYSTERY

Elsie Cameron and Norman Thorne, a young English couple, were engaged to be married. She lived at Kensal Rise and he had a chicken farm at Crowborough, in Sussex. On the morning of Dec. 5, 1924, she left her home with the avowed intention of visiting him. She packed a brown suitcase with the needed clothing and started for the station. The suitcase, which was quite conspicuous, had her initials "E. C." stenciled on the side.

Five days elapsed and nothing was heard from the young woman. Her father, much, disturbed by this time, sent a telegram to Thorne, asking about his daughter. He replied, saying he knew nothing of Elsie's whereabouts, that she had not arrived at the expected time.

People are not in the habit of dropping through the earth in that part of England and her strange disappearance caused quite a sensation. Eventually Detective Inspector John Gillan was sent down from Scotland Yard to help the local police. His first move was to visit the Thorne farm and



how he had waited at the railroad station on the day of Dec. 5 and how disappointed he was when Miss Cameron failed to arrive. Something urged Inspector Gillan to make a second visit to the attic. Opening a dust-covered closet, he found a brown suitcase wedged in a corner. On either end of it was stenciled the initials "E. C."

The too talkative Mr. Thorne was immediately placed under arrest. Gillan ordered another search of the farm. The local constables provided themselves with picks and shovels, began to dig in places indicated by the Scotland Yard man. After a time it began to look as if the property would be nothing but a series of grave-like holes. But just when it seemed hopeless two of the diggers found the dismembered body of Miss Cameron where it had been buried.

Confronted with this ghastly evidence, Thorne confessed that she had arrived on Dec. 5, as planned; that she at once informed him that she intended to stay until he married her. He said he left her in the house while he went off to keep an engagement with the other girl. He declared that when he returned he found Miss Cameron hanging from the rafters in the attic of the house, dead. Greatly upset, he had taken the body down and, after burning all of the clothing, had cut up the remains and buried them in the yard.

A careful test of the beams in the attic proved that they were not capable of sustaining the weight of the girl. So that discredited his whole statement. An examination of the body also showed that the girl had been hit on the head with a heavy, blunt instrument. A big Indian club found in the house was undoubtedly the weapon that Thorne had used in killing the girl who insisted on marrying him.

The girl had predicated that if Norman Thorne did not marry her he would never marry any other. This proved to be true, because he was convicted murder and hanged. The promptness with which this mystery was solved was another feather in the cap of Scotland Yard — a collective cap already filled with many trophies.

NAVY MAKES ARREST AT SEA

Twenty-five German passengers between 20 and 30 years old were taken off the Portuguese liner Carvalho Araujo by a British warship, says Reuter from Lisbon. The liner was on its way to Germany from the Azores.

According to the Portuguese commander, "The Germans showed no annoyance at being arrested by the courteous British officers." One man, however, tried to hide in the coal-bunker, hoping to get to Germany "to fight the British."

Another German who was under military age was allowed to continue the voyage.

By
GEORGE BARTON

interview the owner. Thorne, who seemed greatly concerned, expressed the greatest willingness to co-operate with the detective. He supplied him with photographs of the girl and aided in obtaining the publicity which, it was hoped, would aid in solving the mystery.

Inspector Gillan did not depend too much upon Thorne. He talked with the neighbours. As a result he found that Mr. Thorne had fallen in love with another girl. That was not the worst of it. Miss Cameron had insisted upon his keeping his troth with her. She told him bluntly he'd have to marry her or no one.

The inspector, aided by a number of constables, made a thorough search of the farm and the wooden house where Thorne lived. After it was over, he talked with the young man. Thorne, in a talkative mood, told him



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Banker's Order:—G. H. Cautherley \$15. Total \$391,352.68.

POLICE RAID IN BEDFORD ROAD

Fines totalling \$310 were imposed on Leung Po, 40, by Mr. E. Himsforth this morning for possession of a printing machine without a licence, for keeping a common gaming house at No. 5, Bedford Road, and for publishing lottery tickets.

Det.-Sgt. H. J. Baldwin said he raided the place and found the printing machine in the rear cubicle.



You no longer are of the younger generation if you have reached the stage where romance is something you have put behind you.

WOMEN'S PEACE PARADE BAN

A procession organised by the Women's Peace Campaign to protest against war and demand peace negotiations has been banned by Sir John Anderson on the ground that it might cause a public disorder.

A deputation of the women received an assurance from Sir Philip Game that the ban would not apply to the mass meeting which had been arranged.

Dame Sybil Thorndike and Miss Vera Brittain are among well-known women who will address the meeting.

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6.00 p.m.—"For the Children".
The Clockwork Courtship (Rayners)
....Gracie Fields (Vocal) with
Orchestra; The Town Mouse and
The Country Mouse Part III; I Got
A "Code" In My "Doze" (Fields &
Others)....Gracie Fields (Vocal)
with Orchestra.
Studio—Story by Aunt Susan
Here Comes The Sandman (film 'Mr.
Dodd takes the Air')....Elsie Car-
lisle (Vocal) with Orchestra.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.
6.32 p.m.—The Kentucky Minstrels.

Flight of Ages (Bevan)....Soloist:
John Duncan. With Herbert Daw-
son at the Organ.
Songs from The Kentucky Minstrels
Plantation Medley (arr. Doris
Arnold)....Soloists: G. Stearn
Scott & John Duncan. With the
Kentucky Banjo Team.
6.43 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.
Ever or Never (Waldteufel); Child-
ren of Spring (Waldteufel)....

Orchestra Mascotte.
The Swallows (Josef Strauss)....Jo-
hann Strauss & His Viennese Orch.
Dance Of The Fairies (Willy Rosen-
thal); Lovely To Kiss (Dicker)....
Orchestra Mascotte.
7.01 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—This Week's Programmes.
8.07 p.m.—Studio—Bishop Sargent on
"Opera".

8.57 p.m.—Orchestral Selection.
9.05 p.m.—Studio—Comments on Re-
cent Events.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News
Summary.
9.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Break-
fast with the Bullfinches". Written
by Ursula Branston. Music by Vari-
ous Composers. Production by Wil-
liam Maclurg.
10.00 p.m.—A Chopin Recital by Ar-
thur Rubinstein (Piano).
Grande Polonaise, Op. 22; Nocturne
In B Major, Op. 9, No. 2; Nocturne
In F Major, Op. 15, No. 1; Waltz
In C Sharp Minor, Op. 64, No. 2.
10.22 p.m.—Compositions of Brahms.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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THINKING AHEAD

A universally known convention is
the Echo—that is, playing the higher
card of a doubleton when partner
opens the King of a
suit against some
trump declaration. In
almost all situations
the player should
echo when he is able
to trump the third
round of the suit.
There is only one
situation wherein a
player should not
echo—namely, when he does not wish
to trump. While this situation is rare,
it did actually happen in the follow-
ing hand.

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ A 7 2
 ♥ A Q 3
 ♦ K J 8 6
 ♣ 9 6 5
 ♠ 4
 ♥ K J 8 6 2
 ♦ 9 7 6
 ♣ A K 10 3
 ♠ Q 10 9 3
 ♥ 10 9 7 5
 ♦ 4
 ♣ 10 2
 ♠ K J 8 6 5
 ♥ A Q 4 3
 ♦ Q J 7 2

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♠ Pass 2NT Pass
 3♠ Pass 4♠ Pass
 Pass Pass

West opened the King of clubs.
While East held a doubleton, he de-
cided to play his lower club. With
four trumps to the queen-ten-nine,
East was sure of one trump
trick and thus could gain nothing by
trumping a club. Furthermore, if the
club lead were from Ace-King-Jack,
Declarer's Queen could be trapped if
he (East) obtained the lead.
Since he had received a discourag-
ing card in clubs, West now shifted to
a diamond. Declarer won and then
decided to play in as safe a manner

as possible. If trumps were divided,
only one trump trick and one more
trick in clubs would be lost. Hence,
South played the Ace of spades, then
led a spade from dummy and went
right up with the King.

What South thought to be a safety
play in this instance proved fatal. He
now entered dummy with a diamond,
then played a third spade. East won
with the Queen, then played his re-
maining club. West won and, not
realising that his partner was out of
clubs, played a diamond. However, this
proved equally effective as East was
also able to trump the diamond to set
the contract.

Saturday you were David Bruce
Burnstone's partner and held:

♠ Q x
 ♥ Q J x x x
 ♦ Q x
 ♣ J x x

The bidding:

Burnstone Maier You Jacoby
 1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass
 3NT Pass (7)

ANSWER:—Your correct bid is to
pass. With an honour in every suit
there is no reason why you shouldn't
trust your partner's judgment and al-
low him to play notrump.
Score 100% for pass, 0 for four
hearts (a bad bid).

QUESTION NO. 320

You are Oswald Jacoby's partner.
The opponents are vulnerable, you are
not, and you hold:

♠ A K Q 8 x
 ♥ x
 ♦ x x x
 ♣ x x x

The bidding:

Jacoby Maier You Maier
 Pass Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer
tomorrow.)

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SUCCESSFUL RIDING SPORTS

The annual riding sports
held yesterday by Hong Kong
Riding School, managed by
Mr. R. H. Charles, were an
unqualified success judging
by the large crowd and the
enthusiasm displayed by all
the competitors.

There was a varied programme
which catered for adults and juveniles
alike and a fine standard was reveal-
ed in most of the events.

The musical chairs, as usual, pro-
vided a great deal of entertainment
and was eventually won by Mr. R. H.
J. Brooks.

Miss P. Dodwell won the advanced
children's competition, while Master
Harry Tippli distinguished himself in
the jumping competition.

Following the sports prizes were
presented by Mrs. S. H. Dodwell, who
was introduced by Lt.-Col. H. B. L.
Dowbiggin.

TO-NIGHT'S BADMINTON

In "A" Division of the Badminton League
the match between Chinese Y.M.C.A. and
University "A" has been postponed until
February 19. Chung Wah will play Recoilo
to-night.

MACAO SWEEP RESULTS

Sweep results on yesterday's races
were:

Race No. 1	
No. 425	\$114.10
" 533	33.10
" 445	16.50
Unplaced pony (\$15)	No. 515.
Race No. 2	
No. 156	\$113.40
" 575	32.40
" 32	16.20
Unplaced ponies (\$15 each): Nos.	
272, 570.	
Race No. 3	
No. 505	\$128.00
" 528	34.70
" 141	16.50
Unplaced ponies (\$15 each): Nos.	
107, 578.	
Race No. 4	
No. 555	\$135.50
" 389	38.50
" 552	19.40
Unplaced ponies (\$15 each): Nos.	
571, 559.	
Race No. 5	
No. 585	\$159.20
" 164	45.50
" 81	22.70
Unplaced pony (\$15) No. 66.	
Race No. 6	
No. 552	\$321.50
" 444	91.90
" 241	45.90
Unplaced ponies (\$15 each): Nos.	
614, 246.	

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STEWART & BIDWELL MAY NOT GO TO SHANGHAI

Wing-Threequarter Nursing Injured Knee

LAVALLE'S STRONG CLAIMS FOR INCLUSION MUST NOT BE OVERLOOKED

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

D. H. STEWART, Club wing-threequarter, is unlikely to make the trip to Shanghai early next month, and H. D. Bidwell, centre-threequarter, must now be included on the doubtful list.

On Saturday Stewart was brought down heavily by Boe as the result of a brilliant tackle and injured his knee. Yesterday the knee had swollen to alarming proportions and to-day, though it has gone down considerably, it is still badly swollen. All indications point to water on the knee, which, if true, means Stewart will be unable to play again until several weeks after the Interport has been decided.

Bidwell may be unable to travel with the team due to business reasons. J. Hutchison, centre-threequarter, and E. W. Stout, forward, are the two reserves at the moment.

Hutchison will obviously fill Bidwell's place should it be necessary, but the wing-threequarter problem is a much more difficult one. With Aitkenhead, Carruthers and Day unavailable, the choice rests between Van Leeuwen, Lavalie and D. Hynes.

LAVALLE'S DEADLY TACKLING

Van Leeuwen appears the natural choice at first glance, but Lavalie's deadly tackling must be given full consideration. There is no more deadly tackle playing Rugby in the Colony at the moment than Lavalie, and if he could be persuaded to run hard when in possession instead of attempting the punt ahead or hesitating for a pass he would be an extremely valuable asset to any local team. He is also every bit as fast as Van Leeuwen and handles as well.

Before making their final choice Club would be advised to give Lavalie an opportunity at practice to show his speed. All he may need is a few words of advice and encouragement.

Van Leeuwen has put on weight recently and is not as fast as he used to be, while he is invariably grassed in possession when in a position to make a pass to advantage.

PEARCE HAS PLAYED

One revolutionary suggestion would be to include Alec Pearce, the Club cricketer and former Club soccer player. He has played Rugby and was always a very promising three-quarter.

The following seven players were invited to accompany the team but were unable to accept: Burford, Castleton, Heasman, Richardson, Kennedy, Deane and Bompas.

Members of the team, as follows: Henderson; Stewart, Bidwell, Charter and Bosanquet; Cessford and Thomson; Walkden, Salter, Wanklyn; Needham, B. Hynes; Godfrey, Taylor and Redman; and Hutchison and Stout; are reminded of the official training this evening at the Valley at 5.15 p.m.

I.R.C. BEAT SAPPERS

In a friendly cricket match at Soekunpoo yesterday Indian Recreation Club beat Royal Engineers by 6 wickets. There were no high scores on either side but A. R. Minu and J. M. A. Sumjahn both took five wickets for I.R.C.

Engineers—1st (L/Cpl. Shaw 29, Sgt. Denyer 26; A. R. Minu 5 for 15; J. M. A. Sumjahn 5 for 22).
I.R.C.—1st (V. el Arrouli 29, M. P. Mader 26; A. Mader 20; Sumjahn 5 for 20; L/Cpl. Shaw 3 for 20).

EIGHTEEN POSSIBLE SHANGHAI PLAYERS

Shanghai, To-day.—The Shanghai team has not yet been selected and the probable fifteen will probably not be chosen until just prior to the game. It is safe to assume, however, that the side will be picked from the following: W. D. Pearson (Captain), P. B. Tay, S. A. Wallace, M. O. Liddell, J. R. Dickinson, R. V. Reynolds, R. A. O. Mayne, A. Gammie, R. S. Aucott, S. O. Thornley, A. Thomas, S. J. Ward, A. P. D. Kennedy, J. W. M. Martin, W. N. Dickson, J. D. Sayle, G. Gordon-Ashbrown and B. R. Brown. — Our Own Correspondent.

W. D. Grieve, ex-Colony star, is on the injured list, and W. H. B. Rigg also appears to be out of the game.

G.O.C. MILLS WINS RESAIL

The "A" class resail in the 7th Corinthian series of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club held on Saturday resulted in Gull (G. O. C. Mills) coming in first, with Artemis (G. G. Wood) second and Guri (S. K. Heiberg) third.

The Sweepstake and Championship race for mixed classes was won by Owl (G. L. Eastergate), Siskin (D. G. G. Allen) was second and Zephyr (Capt. Tracey) third.

SATURDAY'S SPORT IN RETROSPECT

WITH the Caer Clark championship title at stake both the leading contenders made no mistake with their games on Saturday, "Y" Ladies CAER CLARK CUP convincingly

winning against Central British Association by five clear goals and St. Andrew's accounting for Central British School by four clear goals.

Miss D. Moss gave a brilliant display in goal for C.B.A. and the best exhibition of goal-keeping seen in local ladies' hockey for some time. Confident with her hitting and cool in the face of an advancing forward she saved her side on numerous occasions. She missed being injured on two occasions, one when Miss Harker sent in a high drive which missed her head and the other when Mrs. Gardner sent in a hard shot which she stopped with her body.

LEADING at the interval by three goals St. Andrew's took things easily in their game against Central British Schoolgirls and won by four clear goals. Miss Reid was again prominent in the forward-line and scored two good goals.

Miss P. Lawson, after an absence of two years from local hockey, played at right half and did well in keeping Miss Shand in check.

Recrelo were badly outclassed by Hong Kong Ladies who scored almost at will. The winners' forward-line was in irresistible form, all the forwards scoring. Miss Greig and Mrs. Skinner were outstanding.

THE inter-school affair resulted in Diocesan Girls winning by three BRAWN CUP clear goals. They

were superior in both stickwork and combination. Miss E. Churn was the outstanding forward for the winners and scored two good goals, while Miss Kotewall added the other.

For C.B.S., Miss Beraba was fast on the left wing but did not receive much support from her other forwards.

"Y" Juniors collected both points from C.B.A. thanks to some fine individual work by Miss Bradbury who scored all three goals for her side.

Miss E. Woolley, the C.B.A. goal-getter, was too well marked to be dangerous: the other forwards did not keep up with the play.

Argonauts retained the position at the head of the Brawn Cup table when they beat St. Andrew's by eight clear goals on Recrelo ground. Miss I. Mathias on the right-wing was in brilliant form and besides scoring three goals assisted the other forwards greatly.

Miss N. Silva in the pivotal position played a sound game and distributed well, opening up the game in such a manner that the Saints' defence were continually worried.

Club put up an excellent showing against Rest on Saturday and their form in the last game before the Interport augurs well for

their chances in the Northern port. Stewart was limping for

threequarters of the game, and it is to be hoped that his injury will prove only a minor one. Boe, brought in at the last moment due to Hook being injured and Carter being unavailable, was the man of the match, however.

Opening up play in brilliant style, he gave Rest two glorious opportunities to make the game safe. Rest should have won despite these two missed chances, however, as Stewart's winning try was a fortunate one in that he was offside when he intercepted Stevens's pass to Kennedy. The most prominent players on view were Charter, Thomson, Walkden, Boe, Wright-Nooth, Cuthbertson and Pinkerton.

McCrea, former Shanghai Interporter, played a good game at forward for Club "A", while Kennedy and Bompas frequently caught the eye. Roe gave a promising display at full-back for the Rest.

Nelson, Club "A" wing threequarter, was injured in the first half and had to leave the field, and it was later revealed that he had broken his collar bone.

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The final of the Colony Ladies Doubles Tournament will be played between Mrs. Chui and Miss Griffiths versus Mrs. Hyde and Mrs. Litton at U.S.R.C. at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday.



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SATURDAY'S SPORT IN RETROSPECT

(Continued from Page 17)

There were three scores of over the half-century in each division of the Cricket League on Saturday. **CRICKET** highest being Lt. Man's 64, and Q. M. S. Patterson's 63 for Army against the Junior Champions, Kowloon Cricket Club.

A. R. Minu, the Interport and I.R.C. left-hander, as on many occasions in the past, topped the list of bowlers with 7 for 57 against Craigengower.

Best bowling performance in Junior Division was R. Singh's 6 for 52 for University against Civil Service. H. A. Barros, of Recreio, made his

third half century within the month, scoring a hard-hit 64 for a Recreio team against Bishop Sargent's team and C. Pope of the Police took 6 for 27 against Craigengower.

Following is the list of leading performers in Saturday's cricket:—

FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE	
BATTING	
Cpl. Webb (Army)	59
D. J. N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	56
A. R. H. Esmail (C.C.C.)	56
BOWLING	
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	7 for 57
R. E. Lee (K.C.C.)	4 for 40
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	3 for 39
L/Cpl. Young (Army)	3 for 21
SECOND DIVISION LEAGUE	
BATTING	
Lt. Man (Army)	64

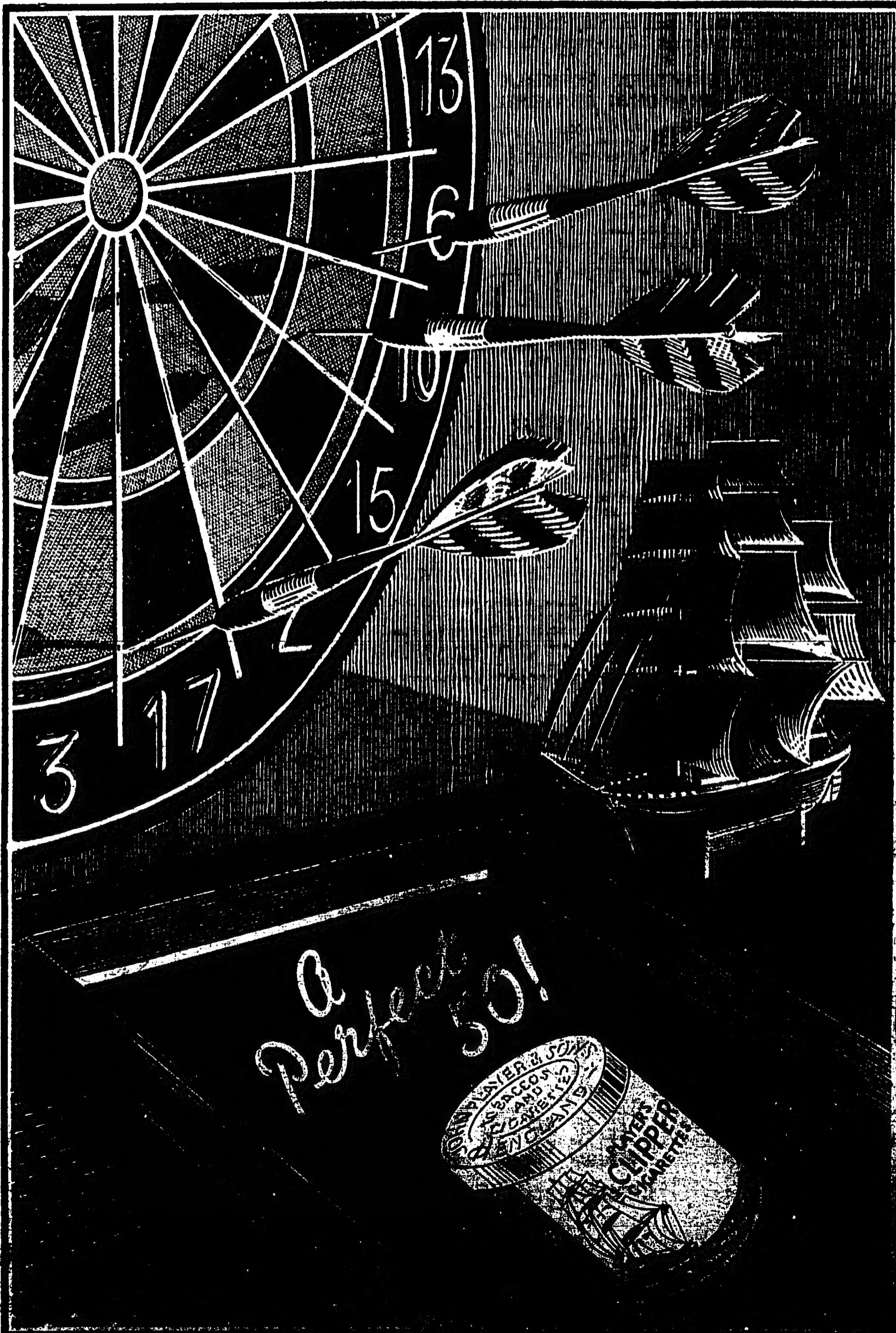
Q. M. S. Patterson (Army)	63
G. Hong Choy (Univ.)	49
BOWLING	
R. Singh (Univ.)	6 for 52
R. Soares (Univ.)	5 for 49
J. Fenton (C.S.C.C.)	5 for 23
R. Baldwin (K.C.C.)	3 for 37
Pte. Ratcliffe (Army)	3 for 25
Lt. Peal (Army)	2 for 12

FRIENDLIES	
BATTING	
H. A. Barros (Rec. 2nd XI)	64
H. L. Ozorio (Rec. 2nd XI)	56
P. M. N. da Silva (Rec. 2nd XI)	44
A. J. M. Prata (Sargent's XI)	48
P. H. Loughlin (Police)	41
BOWLING	
C. Pope (Police)	6 for 27
C. B. R. Sargent	4 for 67
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)	4 for 43
B. R. Iranee (C.C.C.)	4 for 36

BRONZE ARROW GOES LAME

(By "RAPIER")

Bronze Arrow, 1940 Derby Griffin, belonging to the Eu Tong-sen Stable, was taken out yesterday morning by Mr. C. Encarnacao, champion jockey, for a trial spin and on completion of the gallop it was found to be lame. Mr. Encarnacao dismounted and the pony was led back to the stable by a mafoo.



SOVIET DIVISIONS DECIMATED

Helsinki, To-day.

SMASHING OF THE week-long Soviet offensive on the front North of Lake Ladoga is now estimated by neutral correspondents to have cost the Red Army fifteen thousand casualties, 7,000 of them dead.

The Russians are now in retreat and latest reports state that three divisions, retiring along the only roads in the area, have been decimated by Finnish artillery fire which covers all lines of retreat.

Large quantities of arms and ammunition have fallen into Finnish hands.

In the meantime, there is no indication that the Red Army has had enough. Intelligence information indicates the concentration of over 200,000 men, more than twice as many as have previously appeared on this front, ready for a renewed offensive against the Mannerheim Line to the north of Lake Ladoga.

OPERATIONS CONTINUING

Operations are continuing in an atmosphere well below freezing point. The conviction is shared by most neutral correspondents that the Finnish defences will hold until the Spring.

A communique states that three Soviet planes raiding towns in North Finland were shot down yesterday.—Reuter.

All eight had been reported missing by the Admiralty and their families had feared the worst.

The German Radio last night gave details of four more survivors, including Lieutenant Richard Kyrke, and added that more names would be announced shortly.

Berlin has stated that four officers and 26 ratings were saved and hitherto have given twenty names.—Reuter.

CABINET MINISTERS INJURED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day.

The Prime Minister of Yugoslavia, M. Tinkar Tsvetkovich, and the Finance Minister, M. Shutev, were both slightly injured yesterday when a train in which they were travelling to Belgrade from Zagreb collided with another near the capital.—Havas.

SAVED FROM SUBMARINES

London, To-day.

Postcards and announcements over the German Radio in the past two days have brought news of the safety of another eight men of the British submarines sunk in Heligoland a fortnight ago.

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ITALY HINTS AT A NEW LINE UP

Tokyo, To-day.

The newspaper "Asahi Shimbun" understands that at a recent conference with the Japanese Ambassador to Rome, the Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, suggested that if, because of the Soviet-German rapprochement, Japan was dissatisfied with the Anti-Comintern Pact, a new group of Anti-Comintern powers might be formed.

No further details are given by the newspaper.—Reuter.

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Two men were seriously injured at 3 p.m. to-day when they attempted to cross Nathan Road, at the Waterloo Road junction, in a goods tricycle. They collided with a No. 1 bus coming from the Star Ferry. Both men were taken to hospital.

London, To-day.

Severe weather during the week-end caused the biggest railway hold-up for many years, dislocating traffic throughout Britain. Some services were suspended.

In Scotland, trains were "lost" and late last night had not reached their destinations, while expresses for London from the North were as much as twelve hours late.

Conditions on the roads are also bad. Bus services are disorganised and many motorists are stranded.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

Once Germany is beaten, the Polish Government expects very little difficulty in recovering that part of Poland occupied by the Soviets, according to President Raczewicz, in an interview at Angers with the "Daily Telegraph" correspondent.

"The Russians cannot stay there after Germany is beaten," declared M. Raczewicz.

"They will have too many troubles in their own country to be able to hold foreign soil by force."

"The crumbling of Germany will mean the defeat of Russia."—Reuter.

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